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QRP-L Digest 2020

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- 33) [84927] FT-817
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- 34) [84928] Cub Fox Hunt #12
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- 35) [84929] Re: CW Copy software
by Corey Dean <kf3dy@repeater.net>
- 36) [84930] Contest: CQ WW CW QRP W4DEC
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- 37) [84931] CQ: DE WY and IN for TT-2
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- 38) [84932] QSL card program ?
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by "Jerry Scherkenbach" <jerrys@execpc.com>
- 40) [84934] Where's the Ham Radio Magazine CD
by lenny wintfeld <w2bvh@home.com>
- 41) [84935] Re: QSL card program ?
by Thomas Kuehl <ac7a@gci-net.com>
- 42) [84936] Re: WTB 40m HC-6 Crystals
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
- 43) [84937] CQWW DX Contest

by aweiss@usd.edu

44) [84938] RE: No dummy anymore!
by Russ Dow <n7dw@prodigy.net>

45) [84939] Re: C6A/WA3WSJ now on 40m (0005Z)
by John AE5X <ae5x@juno.com>

46) [84940] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
by "Terry Bassett" <mutabut@net66.com>

47) [84941] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>

48) [84942] SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!
by "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>

49) [84943] Re: No dummy anymore!
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

50) [84944] Re: CQWW N8ET Results
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

51) [84945] Re: SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>

52) [84946] CQWWCW with miniPIG
by Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>

53) [84947] Re: QSL card program ?
by Shephed@aol.com

54) [84948] FOX: Log, N8IE
by Shephed@aol.com

55) [84949] OT SUPRISED UR SUPRISED
by hamjoel@juno.com

56) [84950] [FS] - Large Gell-Cell Batteries - SOLD OUT
by "Jim Dolson" <jdolson@iserv.net>

57) [84951] Re: QSL card program ?
by Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>

58) [84952] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
by "M05aaa01" <merryprankster@CWCOM.NET>

59) [84953] Re: Log, N8IE
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>

60) [84954] Re: Log, N8IE
by Macstein@aol.com

61) [84955] Re: QSL card program ?
by "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>

62) [84956] xtal mods + manual wanted
by Jim - grp/cw <kw3u@warwick.net>

63) [84957] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
by Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>

64) [84958] Re: Fw: ARRL SS CW W6RCL SO QRP
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>

65) [84959] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>

66) [84960] Re: CONTESTS- "599" in contests -- its a synchronizer
by Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>

67) [84961] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?

by Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>
68) [84962] FOX: Log, N8IE v1.1
by Shepherd@aol.com
69) [84963] Re: SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!
by NB6M@aol.com
70) [84964] Re: FOX: Notice / Warning Fox #11 (11-28-00) 7 PM MST.
by "W5TB - 'Doc' Drake" <w5tb@softhome.net>
71) [84965] Re: QSL card program ?
by Shepherd@aol.com
72) [84966] re: laptops and psk31
by Jeff <fantbb@yahoo.com>
73) [84967] FPQRP: Newsletter deadline
by Shepherd@aol.com
74) [84968] PSK: Warbler Group Building Project
by wd9eyb@butler.qrp.com
75) [84969] Change the rules?
by "Alan Kaul" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
76) [84970] Re: T88QC
by Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
77) [84971] Old time QRP
by Rick Weber <weber@accenttech.com>
78) [84972] Re: Change the rules?
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
79) [84973] Re: Change the rules?
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
80) [84974] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over
by "Jay Bromley" <w5jay@alltel.net>
81) [84975] OT: Attention Minnesota QRP'ers
by "John Burnley" <burnleyia@home.com>
82) [84976] Re: laptops and psk31
by "John Nally" <nally@talstar.com>
83) [84977] Re: Change the rules?
by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
84) [84978] FT:SCOUT
by "Pastor-KC1DI" <elbc@pivot.net>
85) [84979] Re: Change the rules?
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
86) [84980] Re: Change the rules?
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
87) [84981] change the rules?
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
88) [84982] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
89) [84983] Dueling, Manhattan Style and the Iowa QRP 10
by "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
90) [84984] Re: Change the rules?
by Shepherd@aol.com
91) [84985] best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?

by Wayne Burdick <n6kr@elecraft.com>
92) [84986] Re: Old time QRP
by igeq100@iupui.edu
93) [84987] Re: [Elecraft] best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
94) [84988] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
by "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
95) [84989] MI QRP NET tonight
by ed.kwik@delphiauto.com
96) [84990] RE: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
by "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
97) [84991] Re: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
by "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>
98) [84992] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
by "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
99) [84993] Austin QRP Meeting Schedule for '01
by Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>
100) [84994] Re: Change the rules?
by hamjoel@juno.com
101) [84995] Re: Phony Reports, etc.
by w0av@juno.com
102) [84996] Re: Change the rules?
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
103) [84997] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
by Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
104) [84998] Re: Change the rules?
by "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
105) [84999] Bamd Open times
by "Stuart Rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
106) [85000] The QRP-ARCI Toy Store
by Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@arrl.net>
107) [85001] Re: QSL card program ?
by "Jake Schneider" <j4k3@texas.net>
108) [85002] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
109) [85003] Re: Change the rules?
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
110) [85004] Antenna Question
by Macstein@aol.com
111) [85005] WTB: Kenwood 4 pin to 8 pin adapter
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
112) [85006] Re: Change the rules?
by "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
113) [85007] [OT] Bringing Feedline into House
by "Dave Benham" <dodgeboy@mindspring.com>
114) [85008] Re: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
by "Karl B. Staddon" <ve6kbs@agt.net>
115) [85009] Re: Change the rules?

by "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
116) [85010] Re: Change the rules?
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
117) [85011] TNX QRP-L et al.
by "Brian B. Riley, N1BQ" <n1bq@wulfdn.org>

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:06:40 -0500
From: John AE5X <ae5x@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84895] C6A/WA3WSJ now on 40m (0005Z)
Message-ID: <20001127.190645.-336329.0.ae5x@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just worked Ed on Abaco Island on 7039.55. He was 579 into NJ using his K2 at 5 watts and said that he will be switching to his Tuna Tin 2 soon and will then be transmitting on 7043 khz.

John Harper AE5X
HW-9, OHR-100A/20M, NC-40A, DSW20, SST30, SST40
Outdoor QRP: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:23:52 GMT
From: Walter D Amos <walt_amos@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84896] toot toot my own horn !!
Message-ID: <20001128.002400.-68741.4.walt_amos@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just worked C6A/WA3WSJ on 40 meters !!

so what you say ?

Well, I did it with a SMK-1 at 200 Mw . Just put it in the box today
.....

The antenna was a carolina windom apex up about 50 feet as an inverted vee.

Walt K8CV

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 18:22:55 -0600

From: w0av@juno.com

To: ae5x@juno.com

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [84897] Re: C6A/WA3WSJ now on 40m (0005Z)

Message-ID: <20001127.182256.-520021.0.w0av@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi John,

Heard your QSO with Ed (C6A/WA3WSJ) on 7040 and worked him right after you did, ie. at 0003Z.

He was S9 during our QSO and peaked S9 plus 20dB on my K2 during his following contact with K8CV.

I called Ed back to tell him how strong his sigs were but he just couldn't seem to copy me any longer. Oh, well!

I'll also be listening on 7043 for his TT2

72/73/74 de George/W0AV

SOC#101

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 16:20:39 -0500

From: Anthony Felino <anthony@pacinfosb.com>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [84898] relays

Message-ID: <Chameleon.975360392.Anthony@amd400-anthony>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; CHARSET=ISO-8859-1

"DONALD G. DORN" wrote:

>

> Hi Folks,

> I am considering building a dual band transceiver for 20 and 40 which
> will use several small SPDT relays for band switching rather than a
> regular multi wafer ceramic band switch. If anybody has tried this or
> can think of any pitfalls to be aware of I would appreciate hearing from
> you.

> 73/72

> Don K5AAR

> Lake Eufaula, Ok.

Electronic Goldmine has the Aromat TK2-5 and TK2E-12 relays for \$1 each.
These should be great for this application. They are small and good.
The only disadvantage to this system is the current draw of the relay
coils. You could arrange it so that some were energized for 20 and others
for 40.

www.goldmine-elec.com

73, WN6Q

Anthony Felino, Pacific Information Design

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 18:25:27 -0600

From: w0av@juno.com

To: walt_amos@juno.com

Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [84899] Re: toot toot my own horn !!

Message-ID: <20001127.182550.-520021.1.w0av@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Walt,

Heard your SMK-1 about 559 here in KC during your QSO with C6A/WA3WSJ.

Congratulations!

72/73/74 de George/W0AV

SOC#101

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 16:28:28 -0800
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84900] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <20001127162827.C2605@oz.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

On Mon, Nov 27, 2000 at 05:18:11PM -0500, AI2Q Alex wrote:

>
> Jeff, many a time a band can appear "dead" and yet there's the possibility
> of a FB QSO. Occasionally I've had excellent contacts--some even pipeline
> quality--on a seemingly dead band, a band where NO other signals are heard!
>
> That's what an occasional CQ is for.

How true. I recall once listening on ten and the only signal I could hear was from a beacon in the Indian ocean.

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:03:19 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@fast.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84901] WA3WSJ/C6A
Message-ID: <01f201c058d7\$00095b40\$080d5cd1@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ed is calling CQ on 7.043 @ 01:00 UTC.

Heavy QRM in EPA.

72 & 73
Ron de WB3AAL
www.n3epa.org

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:05:55 -0500

From: "Tony Fegan VE3QF" <ve3qf@amsat.org>
To: <ku7y@qsl.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84902] RE: Binaural CW
Message-ID: <LNBBKKB00JGKHIGEKKIJGENOCPAA.ve3qf@amsat.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi All,

I copied these references sometime ago. I am not sure where I got them, but maybe they will be helpful. The simple circuit is in the November 1975 issue of Ham Radio.

Articles by W6NRW in Ham Radio Magazine

Advanced CW processor	W6NRW	25	Dec 86
Audio processor, communications for reception	W6NRW	71	Jan 80
Binaural CW reception, synthesizer for	W6NRW	46	Nov 75
Feedback		77	Feb 77
Sight and sound CW	W6NRW	10	Jan 88
Synthesizer-filter, binaural	W6NRW	52	Nov 76
Advanced CW processor	W6NRW	25	Dec 86
Squelch, smart	W6NRW	37	Jun 83
Key toggle	W6NRW	50	Mar 79
Filter design, graphic	W6NRW	37	Apr 84
Carrier-operated CW reception limiter	W6NRW	113	Sep 85
Audio processor, communications, for reception	W6NRW	71	Jan 80
CW processor for communications receivers	W6NRW	17	Oct 71
Noise discriminator, a pulsewidth	W6NRW	23	Nov 84

Hope this helps

73 and enjoy

Tony Fegan VE3QF

From Ron KU7Y

Hi All,

I'm here once again but in the digest mode. And doing all my emailing "off line" so I am running a bit behind.

But I remember that in one of the ARRL Handbook issue there was a simple to build audio filter that split the audio into two channels. I was always

going to make one but then I loaned that issue out and have never seen it again!

Maybe Ed or someone else could figure out which issue that was in.

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 18:11:32 -0700
From: Andrew Madsen <andrew@utahdesign.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84903] Re: Source for foam sheets (QRP related)
Message-ID: <3A230644.21D3E8E9@utahdesign.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks for the many suggestions. I found suitable foam at JoAnn's fabric store, specifically suggested to me by a list member. Working on the case now. Thanks to all!

--
72,
Andrew Madsen AC7CF
ac7cf@qsl.net
<http://www.qsl.net/ac7cf>
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FPQRP#-71 | A.R.S nr. 738
SOC #376 | UARC | ARRL
Norcal | NOGAQRP | NJQRP

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:15:08 -0500
From: Joseph I Pirkle <ad4ih@juno.com>
To: rantinen@juno.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84904] Re: That hum thingie & a QSO with another salt . . .
Message-ID: <20001127.201509.-3762875.1.ad4ih@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

On Mon, 27 Nov 2000 21:17:17 +0000 Nils B Young <rantinen@juno.com>
writes:

> Fellow loonies,

>

> <snip>

> Now, the other night I had a Q with a fellow in Alabama. On the 40m
> novice band. Mike KG4KCC in Eufaula, AL. I called CQ at about 8 wpm
> &

> then almost missed Mike 'cause I was tuning the wrong direction (as
> usual) again. Anyway, he was using a straight key, doing all right,
> but

> it was obvious that he was trying to send faster than he could with
> the

> key in question. (Ah, the joys of learnin' to adjust one of them
> puppies!).

>

> Turned out, after I mentioned the USN, that he'd retired from the
> USN &

> had served as a CTR (communications tech, radio [fancy name for
> gumshoe

> CW intercept operator]).

<snip>

Nils,

We seldom got a chance on the keys, straight or otherwise, but them old
mills (Underwood) took a pounding. Thanks for helping a fellow "CT".

(GOOD GRIEF, WE ARE EVERYWHERE!)

72/73,

Joe Pirkle, AD4IH, CTTC, USN (Ret.)

QRP-L #2236 - Zombie #754

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ad4ih@juno.com

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 17:24:32 -0800

From: Randy Foltz <rfoltz@turbonet.com>

To: qrp_l_post <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [84905] Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint

Message-ID: <3A230950.7B8AF166@turbonet.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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The 2000 QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint will be

held this coming Sunday, December 3, 2000Z through 2400Z.
This is a CW contest.

The exchange is RST, state/province/country, and ARCI member number or power level if you're not a member. We have member numbers over 10,000 so don't be surprised by a 5 digit number.

Scoring is the usual ARCI method with an added twist for using a homebrew rig.

QSO points are 5 for a member, 4 points for a non-member on a different continent, and 2 points for a non-member on the same continent.

Multipliers are states/provinces/countries (SPC) for all bands combined. SPCs count once per band. If you work CA twice and ID once on 40 plus CA once and NV once on 20 that is 4 SPCs.

Power mults are x1 for greater than 5 w, x7 for 1 to 5 watts, x10 for 250 mW to 1 watt, and x15 for less than 250 mW. The highest power used determines the multiplier.

Bonus points are 2,000 for a homebrewed transmitter, 3,000 for a homebrewed receiver, or 5,000 for a homebrewed transceiver. If you built it, it is homebrewed. These bonus points are per band. If you make contacts using a K1 that you built on 40, 20, and 10, you get 15,000 bonus points.

The final score is (QSO points X total SPCs X power multiplier) + bonus points.

Activity will congregate around the standard 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 m QRP frequencies.

No team competition in this short contest.

There is an on line scoring form at
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/arcisums.htm>

After the contest use the High Claimed Scores Report Form at
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/form.htm> I will post the High Claimed scores each day by 9:00 pm PST for 2 weeks at <http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/highclm.htm> and the soapbox comments at
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/soapbox.htm>

Complete rules may be found at
<http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/holispr.htm>

73,
Randy, K7TQ
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:30:24 -0500
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
To: <wa0sxv@mellinger.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84906] Re: CW Copy software
Message-ID: <03a001c058da\$cbcd0620\$010044c0@baycty1.mi.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I had gotten so turned off by how bad the CW software was, that I gave up trying it out a few years ago. But in a fit of PIC building a couple months back, I built the CW reader from the August 99 QST. (Well, it did get a heavy dose of my hand both in the software and circuitry so to say it's the same as IK3OIL's is maybe a little unfair.) And it works surprisingly well, much better than the PC programs of a couple years back.

Still, it's a lot more annoying than listening to the music of CW, but if someone is looking for a PIC project, it's not too bad.

N8ERO and I did a presentation to the local club on both the CW reader and a PIC based counter. Some notes are on the club website at
<http://www.qsl.net/w8kea/>

Sooner or later, whenever I get one of them round tuit things, I'll post all the details, pictures, etc. to my web page.

72/73 de WB8RCR <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:58:15 -0600
From: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>

To: Zoerb.Ron@broadband.att.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84907] FOX: Notice / Warning Fox #11 (11-28-00) 7 PM MST.
Message-ID: <20001127.205854.-3868315.5.k5zty@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I see that we have had a change of fox. Where did N5TW move to??

Bill, K5ZTY
Houston, TX

On Mon, 27 Nov 2000 11:06:50 -0700 "Zoerb, Ron"
<Zoerb.Ron@broadband.att.com> writes:
> On Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM Mountain Standard Time, QRP-L Fox
> Hunting
> session #11 will begin around and probably just above 7.040 MHZ.
>
> Ron ki0ii
>
> Soon to be Fox #11

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:39:13 -0600
From: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
To: ki6ds@dph.dpol.net
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84908] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over
Message-ID: <20001127.205854.-3868315.3.k5zty@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good for you Doug,

I don't think you missed out on much anyway. A couple of the 817s that were shipped to HRO made it to Houston and I got a look at them. Looks like another Yeacomwood black box to me. Lots of buttons, memories, bells and whistles, "no feature" features, no way to work on it yourself, mediocre receiver, battery unfriendly, and poor CW performance. I think you made the mistake when you sold your K2.

Bill, K5ZTY

Houston,TX

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 21:14:31 EST
From: N0tk@aol.com
To: fantbb@yahoo.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84909] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <7b.caf6abe.27546f07@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jeff

You can monitor the frequency 28.2 MHz. There are a series of beacons which transmit in succession and send cw at 22 wpm. They identify and then send 4 dahs. The first is at a 100 watt level. The next is at a 10 watt level. The third is at a 1 watt level and the last is at a 100 milliwatt level. A good gauge on how your QRP signal may be heard. The series repeats on a 3 minute interval with the following stations transmitting:

4U1UN
VE8AT
W6WX
KH6W0
ZL6B
VK6RBP
JA2IGY
RR90
VR2HK
4S7B
ZS6DN
5Z4B
4X6TU
OH2B
CS3B
LU4AA
0A4B
YV5B

Hope this helps.

72

Dan N0TK

Highlands Ranch,CO

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 21:23:20 -0500
From: Duffer <hduff@ica.net>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84910] FT817: The Wait is Over
Message-ID: <3A231717.31CBE175@ica.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Didn't your mommy tell you that patience is a virtue !? :)

I heard that the Yaesu FT-817 in such high demand that Yaesu can't keep up with the orders.

Hugh VA3TO

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:21:16 -0700
From: gsurrency@juno.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84911] RE: AG5F: RE: K-1 problems, problems!
Message-ID: <20001127.192116.-460761.1.gsurrency@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Mac,

We're sorry to hear you are having trouble getting your K1's VFO calibrated.
Here are some suggestions:

First, you should check to see that the VFO tuning voltage to the varactor diode at D3's cathode is going from 0 to 6V. This is the point marked VFOPOT on the schematic. Make sure D3 is installed so that it matches the outline on the PCB. VFOPOT may be measured at connector P1, pin 14 too. If there is 0-6V there but not at D3, the suspect either RP2 pins 1&2 or D3 itself.

If the voltage is changing there, but the VFO frequency does not move, then suspect C2 is bad. Substitute another cap to see if this is the case. We furnish both a 120pF cap and a 68pF cap for C2 - depending on what range

of
tuning you prefer. Poly caps are fragile, so if you have the 120pF
installed - it might be the culprit.

If the voltage does not change at VFOPOT, then either there is a wiring
error on the 10-turn VFO tuning pot, or the pot is bad. Let us know and
we'll quickly replace it, or any other parts you might need.

I'll see that a new MPSA14 is sent to you for Q2. If you need a new C3
for
the 2-Band filter board, please let me know right away so we can replace
it.

We suggest marking the KFL1 2-Band filter table box for the desired band
with a colored pen or pencil for the band(s) of interest, so you do not
look
at the wrong column of values for the other bands.

If you still need help with your K1, then please email me at
support@elecraft.com, *or* use the Elecraft Reflector to ask any of the
many
K1 owners there to help. They never sleep! :-)

If you're not subscribed to the Elecraft Reflector, then visit our
website
for info on how to join.

<http://www.elecraft.com/elist.html>

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll be happy to help.

--

73, Gary AB7MY

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gary@elecraft.com

Elecraft Technical Support

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-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of
Robert McAtee

Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2000 11:10 AM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: K-1 problems, problems!

OK so I'm a dumb butt! Now, I've built a half dozen kits, MFJ's, Vectronics, and heath. All work fine. Even the SMK-1 worked great. But woe is me when it came to page 38 of the ver C 9 Oct. manual of the K-1. I've spent at least 8 hours trying to inturpert and do that calibration procedure. I've even turned that stupid D3 around and tried to make some sense out of the display. I do get a voltage change from 1.25 to 2 volts across it when I turn the vfo pot. But only sometimes do I get a display number change with the pot. I can put my fingers on the L1 and get all kinds of readings. Who knows what I'm suposed to read??? I see an *example* of 3.130, what does that mean?? I can eventually get a flashing 3 and a number like 050 but the vfo knob won't change it. What a mess. Boy do I miss the days when you plugged in a crystal and keyed away!! 5 stars to you guys that say; " finished my k-1 in x hours made x qso's". Elecraft needs to send you a dipoloma certifying you as MASTER KIT BUILDERS!!! Also one for speaking or at least reading FUZZY manuals and displays. I think I've got a bad C3 on the RF section. (You gotta specify the section/board or you'll find Cx, Rx, and Xx's all over the place with the same designation. The designer must not be able to do *progressive* numbers.). Yes you flamers, I've checked every componant more then twice. All oriented perfect, resistances and voltages in tolerance, (I think, depends on the meter you use.). Everything works perfect up to page 38. Oh, I didn't install a Q3, MPSA14, cause I didn't get one. Since that's a darling xistor for the AGC I don't think thats a problem. But what do I know. Soooo I think I'll just keep melting solder and phone Wayne, Gary, on Monday and maybe someone can walk me thru *my* mess.... Y'all take care now ya hear! ==Mac== AG5F, Abilene, Texas. "The devils' advocate".

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:30:59 -0700

From: gsurrency@juno.com

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [84912] K1: customizing the tuning range

Message-ID: <20001127.193059.-460761.2.gsurrency@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,

If you don't want or need the approximate 180KHz tuning range of the K1, you only need to change one capacitor to modify it. We supply two caps with the kit, a 120pF and a 68pF cap. Either of these may be used at C2 in the VFO circuit. The 68pF cap will be good for about 80-85KHz of range. This info is in the K1 manual on page 38, top left column. But some of you may have forgotten this, or you might have missed it altogether.

Please note that you can go below 68pF if you want less than 80-85KHz tuning range. The smaller C3 is, the less will be the tuning range. The rate of the tuning knob will be less and less, as the total tuning range goes down. You may prefer this slower rate of tuning, if a larger range is not important to you and your style of operating.

The cap used for C2 will affect the VFO's temperature stability (drift) to some degree (pun intended!), so use a cap with a stable temp coefficient to not degrade the stability. A NPO or COG monolithic would be best, or use a polystyrene (poly) cap. Both poly and (usually) silver mica caps have slight negative temp/co's, so they also help offset the normal tendency to drift down in frequency, due mostly to an iron-powder toroid core's positive temp/co. You might even be able to improve the thermal stability of the VFO with some combination of NPO, COG, poly, s/m or other type of cap. Some s/m caps may increase or decrease in value with temperature. They are not terribly predictable, it seems.

Different sizes of caps at C2 and C7 will have a small effect of the drift. But in general a smaller tuning range will tend to cause less drift - assuming the majority of the drift is related to the varactor's behavior.

Note that the VFO freq. is subtracted from the Premix oscillator freq. So a downward drift from the VFO will result in an upward drift of the RX and TX freq.

You can also experiment with the RIT range if you like, by either changing the cap size of C7, or by increasing the size of R4 and R5 that are located in the RIT pot circuit.

Note that changing any of the caps may result in the VFO frequency being shifted slightly. You may need to adjust the turns on VFO inductor L1, or rewind it with more or less turns. Always start with more turns than you think you need, since it is much easier to remove turns than to add them!

It's easy to modify your K1's tuning range by using these simple circuit

changes. Customize your rig to your preferences and enjoy the results!

73,

(I am on postpone with QRP-L, since I just can't keep up with the QRP-L, Elecraft reflector, and the usual 40-60 emails per day (that all need responding too!) from the Elecraft support email account. Please use support@elecraft.com for all company related emails so I don't delay in responding to them).

Gary Surrency AB7MY
Elecraft Technical Support

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 09:38:14 -0700

From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>

To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, azqrp <azqrp@extremezone.com>

Subject: [84913] Contest: CQ WW DX K7RE

Message-ID: <3A228DF6.A34C0634@dancris.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Contest: CQ WW DX

Category:___QRP_____ Mode:_CW_ Power: 5 W

Callsign of Operator: K7RE

Exchanged Information: K7RE RST 03

Hours of Operation:___23_____ Hours.

Band	QSOs	Points	Mult's
160	0	0	0
80	0	0	0
40	2	5	4
20	37	106	32
15	129	373	66
10	164	473	78

Totals 332 957 180

Total Score: 172,260 Points

Rig: K-2 5W 3 el trapped tribander up 35 ft.
Software QRPDUPE

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 21:05:48 -0600
From: "TC Dufresne" <tdufres@radiks.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84914] Fox: Where is he?
Message-ID: <001501c058e8\$1d7d9400\$60f31dce@server>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Looking for Fox (N8IE) Anyone hear him yet?
0304z
Tom

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:12:21 EST
From: Kevin L Anderson <k9iua@juno.com>
To: n5uw@juno.com
Cc: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84915] CONGRATS (Re: QRP DXCC.....I did it!)
Message-ID: <20001127.210720.5367.2.K9IUA@juno.com>

Wow, Clif, way to go on your 100 !!!!

I received just last week my Millenium DXCC
certificate for 100 countries in the log (but
not necessarily confirmed), all at 5 watts, and
95 percent of them while stationary mobile
in my driveway to a set of Hamsticks.. Hey, I enjoyed
getting the pat on the back -- I'm still proud of
the accomplishment -- no reason why you shouldn't
similary get kudos. And I find once you have
a bug for DX, it doesn't leave too quickly. I've
since added a few more countries and have now
begun to work people/countries with the idea of getting
QSL cards from them for the "real" DXCC. (A real

nice aspect of the DXCC is that you can move within the contiguous 48 states and still have them count -- unlike the WAS or some of the other awards -- which is good, as I moved this last summer, will move again this next summer and the summer after that.)

And as I have been finding out with QRP is that one should "not know any better" and "just do it". As I found out in Sweepstakes this year, somebody somewhere is hearing you at an honest and solid 599 -- it is just having them at the right places that counts <grin> (Well, maybe you milliwatters would disagree with me....) QRP is a healthy disease.

Congrats again, Clif.

Cheers/73. Kevin, K9IUA, North Dakota

Kevin Anderson, K9IUA, Lincoln/Bismarck ND
e-mail: K9IUA@juno.com Opinions all my own.

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:16:22 -0800 (PST)
From: Jeff <fantbb@yahoo.com>
To: qrp qrp <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84916] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <20001128031622.75667.qmail@web10001.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- N0tk@aol.com wrote:
> Jeff
> You can monitor the frequency 28.2 MHz. There are a series of beacons

I always forget about those! Thanks!

Jeff

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:18:17 -0500

From: Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>

To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [84917] WTB 40m HC-6 Crystals

Message-ID: <3A2323F9.1050206@epix.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm looking for a few more HC-6 Crystals to add to my 40m collection. They are for my Micromountaineer. I guess this is a long shot, but I had to try.

Ed AA3SJ

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:21:50 +0900

From: Junichi Nakajima <nakaji@crl.go.jp>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [84918] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over

Message-ID: <200011280319.MAA24073@ryuu.crl.go.jp>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hi all,

I don't have one, and even in Akihabara there is no stock at all. But, It is said that Yaesu will start the FT-817 another production in December. They need a few month to revise a multi layer PCB. In addition, there are inconvenience in the current menu system. They will modify this in future. These are just Japanese domestic rumors.

You can read a development story of the FT-817 in the recent Japanese CQ ham radio magazine (of course in Japanese).

Yaesu engineer commented that

they struggled to select devices and worked very hard to designed it.

It just like as the club kit. Although the name of the designers are hidden, I suppose they are QRPers.

Junichi, JL1KRA

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:12:21 EST
From: Kevin L Anderson <k9iua@juno.com>
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84919] CONTESTS- "599" in contests -- its a synchronizer
Message-ID: <20001127.210721.5367.3.K9IUA@juno.com>

For the interested --

My spin on the use of "599" in contests (and I am surprised that no one has suggested this), even if it seems redundant or useless (as one is not always 599) is simply to serve as a ****synchronizer****.

In a contest such as CW CQWW, where the critical portion of the exchange is just a zone number, which could be as short as E for 5, you need to have something ahead of it just to synchronize the recipient, to get them ready to receive the critical portion. Otherwise the zone number could fly by, unreceived, and then a crucial fill would be needed at a precious loss of time.

That idea is also what can make the Sweepstakes a stressful contest to run -- every piece, including the contact number right up front is critical. Although something like the persons call or "TU", "NR" or "UR" (or in phone "Your number is") at the beginning of the exchange seems useless, it does provide a brief means to "synch up" to the exchange to follow.

Just my spin on the contesting exchange.

And by the way, I have been in the shack of a few top notch CW and phone contest operators -- they have ears like you wouldn't believe. And none that I have been in have decoder software other than their brains and ears. I can give a contester any rig in the shack (and almost any power level), and as poor as the set up may be, they will knock the socks off of me -- it is them, and not any fancy tools (well maybe now the paddle and computer logs) that make them a contester. I have high respect to

a good contest operator, even though they tear up
the bands <grin>.

Back to QRP discussion. Thanks for reading.

Cheers/73. Kevin, K9IUA

Kevin Anderson, K9IUA, Lincoln/Bismarck ND
e-mail: K9IUA@juno.com Opinions all my own.

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:18:36 -5
From: "Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US" <kanga@bright.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84920] CQWW N8ET Results
Message-ID: <20001128032024.HQRL18434.invictus@n8et>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

CQ Worldwide DX Contest - CW

Call: N8ET
Operator(s): N8ET
Station: N8ET

Class: SOAB QRP
QTH: Ohio
Operating Time (hrs): 38

Summary:

Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
160:	8	3	2
80:	13	9	10
40:	113	17	49
20:	241	32	84
15:	262	29	79
10:	266	25	80

Total: 903 115 304 = 1,060,031

Club/Team: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

Had a great time in the QRP Class. The goal was to improve on last year, and I did that. I still need to do some work on the 80m antennas. Next year I will have a vertical array up.

Got off to a bad start when I plugged in the cable to the beverage switch box, and the aux antenna connector broke in half and fell out of the back of the rig. I had spent the better part of the day getting the beverages back in shape....

Experiencing the solar flare on Sunday was interesting!

Very pleased with the results - just wait til next year!

rig - Omni 6+ at 5W

Antennas:

160 - delta loop, top at 120'

80 - dipole at 90'

40 - 2 ele at 80'

20 - 4 ele at 90'

15 - 4 ele at 80'

10 - 5 ele at 80'

73 - Bill - N8ET

Kanga US

kanga@mail.bright.net

<http://www.bright.net/~kanga/>

419-423-4604

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:37:10 -0500

From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

To: "INTERNET:tdufres@radiks.net" <tdufres@radiks.net>, QRP-L Discussion Group
<QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, "W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>

Subject: [84921] FOX on 7.140.34 at 0330Z

Message-ID: <200011272237_MC2-BC4F-4751@compuserve.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset=ISO-8859-1

Content-Disposition: inline

Tom:

He is on 7.140.34 and going strong, at least a 579 into Bismarck. Go get= him :-).BTW, he has QSYed since the hunt began.

72,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:41:10 -0500
From: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
To: QRP-L Discussion Group <QRP-L@Lehigh.edu>, "W.D.(Doc)Lindsey/K0EVZ" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [84922] Yaesu FT-1000MP question
Message-ID: <200011272242_MC2-BC4F-4772@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Disposition: inline

Gang:

Anyone know why the Sub B Receiver is not receiving signals on a Yaesu FT-1000MP? The receiver is apparently switched on (using the DUAL button=), but all that can be heard is hiss. Is there something that needs to be "reset" or enabled/disabled via the menu?

BTW, is there some way to completely reset the rig? Thanks in advance fo= r any assistance received. =

72,
--Doc/K0EVZ

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 19:42:43 -0800 (PST)
From: Ronnie Davis <ke4vpn@yahoo.com>
To: QRL List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84923] IOWA QRP 10 Anyone building one yet?
Message-ID: <20001128034243.8768.qmail@web612.mail.yahoo.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hello

Im thinking about building the IOWA QRP 10 and wondered if anyone has built it yet. If so where did you get all the parts at? Does anyone have any experience of faxing a copy of parts to a vendor and let them track parts and prices down for you? I get lost looking a parts catalogs Hi. I have no idea what the best direction would be to start collecting all the parts. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance. 72 de ke4vpn Ronnie

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:52:24 -0500
From: "Brian B. Riley, N1BQ" <n1bq@wulfdn.org>
To: <tdufres@radiks.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84924] RE: Where is he?
Message-ID: <LPBBJAGIPFHKPJENAKLOMEEGBAA.n1bq@wulfdn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Was on from 0200 to 0300 heard a number of QSOs around 7120 +/- but no Fox, kept switching up to 7140 +/- there was one slow QSO at 7142 and one very fast one around 7138 but, alas, no Fox ...

> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
> [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> TC Dufresne
> Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 22:06 PM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Fox: Where is he?
>
>
> Looking for Fox (N8IE) Anyone hear him yet?
> 0304z

> Tom
>
>

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:58:26 -0500 (EST)
From: n2go@arrl.net
To: "Wilford D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84925] Re: Yaesu FT-1000MP question
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0011272255290.282-1000000@valhalla.v>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

If it is anything like the FT-1000D you have to adjust the rx mix control in the dual receive mode. This adjusts how much of each receiver is coming through the speaker from each receiver. CW position is one receiver, ccw is the other and midway is equal volume from each.

Another possibility is that the sub receiver may be set to a bandwidth option that you do not have installed in the sub receiver.

73,

Jim n2go

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 23:11:27 -0500
From: "Brian B. Riley, N1BQ" <n1bq@wulfden.org>
To: <70511.3041@compuserve.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "KM1Z Fran Flynn" <fflynn@together.net>
Subject: [84926] RE: FOX on 7.140.34 at 0330Z
Message-ID: <LPBBJAGIPFHKPJENAKLOAEEIDBAA.n1bq@wulfden.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks Doc ... got'im, my first pelt 559 both ways ... 0455z on 7140.3

Merky buckets, Monsewer le Fox ...

72 de brian, n1bq

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N1BQ-3 @ 44 31.73N 072 51.55W

WideN-N digi and weather station in Underhill Center, VT

mailto:n1bq@wulfdn.org

AMSAT LM-1418 NJQRP #274

QRP-L #2276 Zombie #768

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Wilford D. Lindsey

> Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 22:37 PM

> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> Subject: FOX on 7.140.34 at 0330Z

>

>

> Tom:

>

> He is on 7.140.34 and going strong, at least a 579 into

> Bismarck. Go get

> him :-).BTW, he has QSYed since the hunt began.

>

> 72,

> --Doc/K0EVZ

>

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:14:53 -0600

From: Barry Johnson <W4WB@oetc.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [84927] FT-817

Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.2.20001127185723.00be41b0@mail.snowhill.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I received my FT-817 just as I was leaving for Thanksgiving holidays. I seems my son must live in a Faraday cage because I could not hear anything there and no way to get an antenna outside. The good news was that I was forced to read and re-read the manual. Upon returning home, I fired the rig up (using a GAP Titan vertical) and was delighted to work stations on the west coast and Texas on 20 m using SSB. 10 m performance was also

fine. CW is OK although it really needs the CW filter (no surprise and it is on back order). I have not tried PSK, etc. yet. I have yet to figure out the value of the optional SSB filter. Standard is the typical Yaesu ceramic filter while the option is a Collins mechanical 10-pole filter. Since you can include but one filter, I rather think the CW filter will be the common choice. Oh yes, you can work satellites with the FT-817, but not in full duplex. The manual has several pages to explain how to use the memories to make do on LEO FM satellite operation.

The manual is quite acceptable and I only noted a few typos. As a consequence of its small size, literally every switch and knob serves multiple duties. Because I also have the VX-5R, FT-1000MP, and FT-847 rigs, I don't find the myriad of multi-function buttons and knobs much of a problem. In fact, I was rather pleased to discover that the Yaesu engineers organized everything in a rational manner. Be prepared to suffer early frustration until you begin to remember where to find everything. One suggestion I have is that you copy the functions and menu settings from the manual, putting them back-to-back and laminating. This will be nice to keep by the rig when you forget that "special" sequence.

I have the Z-11 antenna tuner to take on trips with me (the "real" purpose of this new toy). They seem to work well together.

The only problem I have had is that the power button (a blue silastic material that presses against the switch mounted on the front panel PCB) broke off after about 10 uses. Yaesu will repair it as soon as the part arrives in the USA. It will be interesting to see if this is a common problem or not (note that this is not like any button used on other Yaesu gear I am told).

My overall impression so far is very favorable. Glad I got it. BTW, the first group of 80 units is from the 3rd lot.

72,
Barry - W4WB
Huntsville, AL

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:14:19 -0800
From: "Glenn Maclean" <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84928] Cub Fox Hunt #12
Message-ID: <003b01c058f1\$aefaab80\$0a01a8c0@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi my name is Glenn WA7SPY in the Capitol City Sacramento, CA. I will be the Cub Fox for hunt #12 November 29th. 0200 UTC. Look for me around 7.1420 plus or minus QRM. I will be using my K1 (yes it is set up to cover 150KHz) at 5 watts into a Carolina Windom at 55 feet and a Titan Gap vertical. I will be switching between the antennas as required. I will give your call at the beginning and end. Please stay off my transmit frequency. I will be generous with the RIT and will be moving around listening. I will not go any faster than 10wpm and will match anyone who needs slower speed.

Example of how this is done in case you are a newbie:

I will call: CQ FOX de WA7SPY

Your reply is your call: N1FN

My exchange: N1FN 559 CA Glenn 5W N1FN BK

Your reply: 559 CQ ET BK

If I got it all I end with: TU QRZ FOX de WA7SPY and the process starts over again.

Please come and join the fun for a nice relaxed slow speed hunt. All new comers are welcome. I would like to try to break 50 QSO's

See you Wednesday night!

72's Glenn WA7SPY

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 23:23:16 -0500
From: Corey Dean <kf3dy@repeater.net>
To: k5di@zianet.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84929] Re: CW Copy software
Message-ID: <3A233334.26356106@repeater.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I use this software on and off. If someone is sending a little fast for me it helps me out. I have tried many other CW decoders (software only) and this one really works well. It adjust to different speeds really quickly. If there is a lot of noise on the band just move the threshold

level up and it decodes great.

Corey KF3DY

"Karl F. Larsen" wrote:

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>
>         I was given the advise to get the software called CwGet from:
>
>         http://www.dxsoft.com/index.html
>
> which I did and WOW! Using the audio lead from the psk-31 attenuator of
> the audio from my receiver I put that into the program and tuned in wlaw
> sending cw bulletins. I got there while they were sending at 30 wpm and
> this I can't copy well at all in my head. After setting "Autothreshold" it
> started copying 100% solid at this speed. It seemed to a speed above that
> used for psk-31. But with this very stable signal and with little QRM this
> software copies high speed cw far better than I do!
>
>         The software is written and made shareware by UA90SV and it's
> really nice.
>
> Yours Truly,
>
>         - Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -
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*****
Flames > /dev/null
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(or for the brainless Windows user)

```
Flames >> C:\Windows\Windows.exe
*****
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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:21:57 -0600
From: "Lawrence T. Owens" <w4dec@dibbs.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84930] Contest: CQ WW CW QRP W4DEC
Message-ID: <3A2332E5.2D76@dibbs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi Gang:
Here is my brag:

Info exchanged: W4DEC RST 04

Hours of Operation 26:55

Band	QSOs	Points	Zones	Ctys.
160	0	0	0	0
80	5	9	3	5
40	11	24	5	9
20	102	288	19	53
15	116	318	21	59
10	221	631	23	63

TOTAL 455 1270 71 182 SCORE 330,200

Equipment used: Elecraft K2 :Cushcraft A4S Triband and 160 meter inverted vee. Very modest set up for contesting. The triband was at 70 feet.

Biggest thrill of the contest was working CN8WW on 80 meters using the inverted vee and 4.5 watts. Longest distance worked was a VQ9, which is just about as far away from Mobile Alabama as you can get. The K2 MOJO was really working as many stations worked were not showing any bars on the S meter of the K2.

It was a great contest with lots of DX. Worked 73 countries in 28 zones.

Hope to see some of you in the 160 and 10 meter contests.

Great score Bill K8ET am envious of your antenna farm.

Very best regards to all,

Larry (W4DEC)

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 20:29:23 -0800
From: "Steve McDonald" <jsm@gulfislands.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84931] CQ: DE WY and IN for TT-2
Message-ID: <001f01c058f3\$c93a1ce0\$3f12f4cc@jasm>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Looking for QSO's in Delaware, Wyoming and Indiana to complete my TT-2 W.A.S.

Best time is the hour before your sunrise! If we can set up a sked this weekend (early Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning..around 1200Z would give us the best shot) please let me know. I will be QRV in the ARRL 160 CW Contest but will drop everything for a TT-2 sked!!

Steve / VE7SL

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:13:49 EST
From: Rick McKee <kc8aon@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84932] QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <20001128.001358.4423.7.kc8aon@juno.com>

Gang,

A friend told me of a QSL card making program on a website called: N8IE'S Hamshack" or something like that. Can anyone point and click me in the right direction ?

72 & 73 ... Rick, KC8AON
Willow Wood, Ohio

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Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 23:29:57 -0600
From: "Jerry Scherkenbach" <jerrys@execpc.com>
To: <k5zty@juno.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84933] Re: Notice / Warning Fox #11 (11-28-00) 7 PM MST.
Message-ID: <004b01c058fc\$3f7e0440\$b488cfa9@Pjerrys>

Thats what I had too Bill until a friend pointed out last night that his list showed KI0II. I guess they must have changed it after I printed the list in mid October. Check it out because I found 2 or 3 other changes further down the list too.

72
Jerry N9AW

----- Original Message -----

From: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 8:58 PM
Subject: FOX: Notice / Warning Fox #11 (11-28-00) 7 PM MST.

> I see that we have had a change of fox. Where did N5TW move to??
>
> Bill, K5ZTY
> Houston, TX
>
> On Mon, 27 Nov 2000 11:06:50 -0700 "Zoerb, Ron"
> <Zoerb.Ron@broadband.att.com> writes:
> > On Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM Mountain Standard Time, QRP-L Fox
> > Hunting
> > session #11 will begin around and probably just above 7.040 MHZ.
> >
> > Ron ki0ii
> >
> > Soon to be Fox #11
>
>
>
>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:31:42 -0500
From: lenny wintfeld <w2bvh@home.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84934] Where's the Ham Radio Magazine CD
Message-ID: <3A23433E.B6C13F4@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi

There was some discussion on the list last winter about how Ham Radio Magazine was being put onto CD's.

Has anyone heard anything about this being done; and when it may happen?

73,

Lenny Wintfeld W2BVH
in Cranford NJ

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:33:20 -0700
From: Thomas Kuehl <ac7a@gci-net.com>
To: kc8aon@juno.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84935] Re: QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <3A2343A0.62AB808D@gci-net.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rick,

Here's one, but its by WB8RCR:

<http://hfradio.org/wb8rcr/QSLMaker.html>

Regards, Thomas - AC7A (Tucson)

Rick McKee wrote:

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> N8IE'S Hamshack" or something like that. Can anyone point and click me
> in the right direction ?
>
> 72 & 73 ... Rick, KC8AON
> Willow Wood, Ohio
>

Date: Mon, 27 Nov 2000 22:22:08 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <edkess@epix.net>
Subject: [84936] Re: WTB 40m HC-6 Crystals
Message-ID: <003b01c05903\$89e16d40\$3febb3d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Ed,

I like the HC-6 Crystals also, they seem to be able to pull more off frequency than the HC-49's. Have you tried Ocean State Electronics at: <http://www.oselectronics.com/>

This is where I bought mine. They have lots of frequencies. I bought 7110 and 7125 KHz, but they have several others. Also, JAN Crystals can make any frequency that you need for around \$10.00 in HC-6 holders. JAN is at: <http://www.jancrystals.com> .

Hope this helps...Take care...

73

Trev

KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 7:18 PM

Subject: WTB 40m HC-6 Crystals

> I'm looking for a few more HC-6 Crystals to add to my 40m collection.
> They are for my Micromountaineer. I guess this is a long shot, but I
> had to try.

>

> Ed AA3SJ

>

>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 00:25:27 -0600
From: aweiss@usd.edu
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84937] CQWW DX Contest
Message-ID: <200011280624.AAA02442@sunburst.usd.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi gang -- great reading about all the QRP DX worked during the CQWW. Wierd view of propo tho -- Sat aft. was so crummy here I quit after about 20-minutes! Jim Hale says it was very good for

him!

Casual operating here.

900mw on 15m for 48Q's / 23 countries.

3w on 10 for 35Q's / 26 countries.

4w on 20m for 44Q's / 33 countries

4w on 40 for 14Q's / 14 countries

141 Total QSO's.

I had trouble finding stns -- lot of "search"
but not so much "pounce."

Some of the stuff others listed makes my mouth
water. Didn't even hear'em.

But it was fun as usual. Mostly 20Q's/hr except
digging on 40m. Figured that my 40m total across
the past several years = only 43 countries. Was
toying with the idea of making a run for DXCC. But,
not serious with this QTH and my G5RV up 48ft.

Re the complaints about the 50wpm big guns -- I worked
a lot of them, but I also worked a lot of DX that were
around 20wpm or slower.

Hurray for QRP!

72, Ade

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 01:40:08 -0500 (EST)
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@prodigy.net>
To: mgipe@reliablemeters.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84938] RE: No dummy anymore!
Message-ID: <386106866.975393608834.JavaMail.root@web315-wra.mail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Mike and the group,

I had forgotten about the transformer oil option. Yes, mine seeped too.
Always had a coat of oil soaked dust on top.

Those Cantennas were real brutes. The load resistor was a hefty bugger. I can't remember the specifics now, but even with no oil it could take considerable power. 100W comes to mind, but I may be wrong. I have never run more than 100W out, so all the hassle with the oil was probably futile!

72,
Russ N7DW
now incognito in Anaheim

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Gipe <mgipe@reliablemeters.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: November 27, 2000 10:14:48 PM GMT
Subject: RE: No dummy anymore!

Russ et al --

I also built one about 30 years ago. I remember that the manual said to use pure mineral oil, OR, to get full power, to use genuine transformer oil.

< snip >

Did yours continually seep oil out the top?

Mike K1MG

>
> Hi Ed,
>
> I built a Cantenna way back around 1969 or '70. I was in Germany with
> the Army at that time (DL4DW). If I remember correctly, the manual
> called for pure mineral oil.
>
> 72,
> Russ N7DW
> ..
>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 05:06:28 -0500
From: John AE5X <ae5x@juno.com>
To: w0av@juno.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84939] Re: C6A/WA3WSJ now on 40m (0005Z)
Message-ID: <20001128.050712.-440985.0.ae5x@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George,

I heard you calling Ed - you were about 569 and the SSB QRM was starting to creep in from just above us. Then I had to go eat dinner and was not able to listen for him on his TT2. I recorded on tape my 40m QSO with Ed and meant to put it on my page as a .wav file so he could hear it, but I accidentally erased it. DOH!

On Mon, 27 Nov 2000 18:22:55 -0600 w0av@juno.com writes:

> Hi John,
>
> Heard your QSO with Ed (C6A/WA3WSJ) on 7040 and worked him right
> after you
> did, ie. at 0003Z.
>
> He was S9 during our QSO and peaked S9 plus 20dB on my K2 during his
> following contact with K8CV.
>
> I called Ed back to tell him how strong his sigs were but he just
> couldn't seem to copy me any longer. Oh, well!
>
> I'll also be listening on 7043 for his TT2
>
> 72/73/74 de George/W0AV
> SOC#101

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 04:33:30 -0600
From: "Terry Bassett" <mutabut@net66.com>
To: <fantbb@yahoo.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84940] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <00a101c05926\$c01c8de0\$0101a8c0@pavilion>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello All;

I can state that ten was open and doing active business at 0600 CST Sunday morning. I got up and on 20 about 430 am and did ok, then by about 0600 I decided just to give a quick listen to 15 Meters. It was doing well. So I thought , try 10. So... I then went to 10 and spent until Noonish there doing S & P.

A good time was had by all,

72,

Terry KA9TXE East Central Illinois

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 02:48:42 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: <ai2q@ispchannel.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84941] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <008e01c05928\$c719e1e0\$3febb3d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

0000H I couldn't agree more! Especially on 15 meters. It's a ripe tree waiting to be picked. There's been a lot of times on 15 during the day that I don't hear anyone and send out CQ a few times and get a DX station! You just never know! Take care...

73

Trev
KG6CYN

----- Original Message -----

From: AI2Q Alex <ai2q@ispchannel.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 2:18 PM
Subject: RE: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?

>

> Jeff, many a time a band can appear "dead" and yet there's the possibility
> of a FB QSO. Occasionally I've had excellent contacts--some even pipeline
> quality--on a seemingly dead band, a band where NO other signals are
heard!

>
> That's what an occasional CQ is for.
>
> Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L 687 .-.-.
>
>
>
>
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> Jeff
> Sent: Monday, November 27, 2000 4:07 PM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
>
>
> Over the weekend I was listening to the CQWW and also trying to work
> some new countries. Strangest thing I noticed was 10 never seemed to
> close! I was on it at 9pm and still heard a fair amount of stations.
> Now granted it probably closed later on but still it makes one wonder.
> In fact it almost seems that 10 meters could be open a lot more than
> what people think it is. I don't work 10 meters all that but that sure
> got me thinking!
>
> 73!
>
> Jeff
>
> =====
> AB6MB
> Stop censorship on mailing lists!
> NorCal QRP Club #65, QRP-L #1780, ARCI 10071
> Radical FIST Member 6798
>
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> -----
> Do You Yahoo!?
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> <http://shopping.yahoo.com/>
>
>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 03:18:28 -0800
From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, <JTyburczy@aol.com>

Subject: [84942] SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!
Message-ID: <00d301c0592c\$ef2fe360\$3febb3d1@tjacobs>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi everyone,

Well it's almost 3am here in Southern CA, but I had to share this with you. In the last 2 weeks I've finalized the prototype VFO for my SMK-1 I was working on and am very happy with the performance. It tunes from 7.028 MHz to 7.148 MHz (I left a bit near the band edges just in case, but it could cover the entire CW band). I had a few problems with stray RF getting into the tuning diodes (well to be honest I'm using 1N914's!!!) but I fixed that finally tonight by adding some RF chokes in some critical places. I'm going to write this up in schematic form in the next month or so with the part values, but it's basically the original CB slider combined with the VFO out of "Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur" figure 11 on page 38, with an RIT mod that I built based on a circuit that I found on the Web using a 2N3906 and a 2N3904. I haven't done any real extensive long term drift measurements, but I'll put it this way. over a 24 hour period it drifted about 20 Hz! It stabilizes in about 15 minutes. The best news is that all of the parts are off the shelf! This may be a fluke and I got lucky, so more testing is in need, but mine works well. It's sealed up in a small project box to help with thermal stability and RF isolation. I've found that even the slightest bit of RF noise to the tuning diodes will throw off the frequency, so shielding is very important. Anyway, I'll share the Schemes when I'm done with them.

The best news is that I worked VA from CA tonight with this VFO and my modified SMK-1!!!!!! I've also worked OR and AZ with this setup during testing. The SMK-1 is putting out just under 2 watts with an added PA similar to Wayne's mod. Man this is fun!!! Anyway, I just had to share this with you. The VA station KF4PHS put me over the edge, especially with a 559 RST!!! Take care and I'll get this written up soon.

73
Trev
KG6CYN

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 06:19:59 -0500
From: "Mike Yetzsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <n7dw@prodigy.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84943] Re: No dummy anymore!
Message-ID: <005a01c0592d\$3ee6fe20\$0600a8c0@dad>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just remember, if you run into a 'used' Cantenna, that the old 'transformer oil' is an EXTREME carcinogenic material!!

To quote Steve Irwin... "Danger! Danger! Danger!"

It's NOT to be treated lightly.

The performance degrade to mineral oil or other compounds isn't that much. And besides, this is QRP, right?

If you really need that extra thermal capability, there was a 'mod' to the Cantenna where you mounted a SECOND paint can over the first and extended the chimney...

Mike

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> pure mineral oil, OR, to get full power, to use genuine transformer oil.
>
> < snip >
>

> Did yours continually seep oil out the top?
>
> Mike K1MG
>
> >
> > Hi Ed,
> >
> > I built a Cantenna way back around 1969 or '70. I was in Germany with
> > the Army at that time (DL4DW). If I remember correctly, the manual
> > called for pure mineral oil.
> >
> > 72,
> > Russ N7DW

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 05:51:37 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US <kanga@bright.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84944] Re: CQWW N8ET Results
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10011280546001.844-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Bill that's a wonderful total for QRP CQWWDX! I was wondering what was going on until I got to the antenna's. Now I see how you did it. And the huge score is due to all band operation and such. The scoring is odd but interesting. Sure rewards multi band operation.

Bet you were shot after the contest, 38 hours...

On Mon, 27 Nov 2000, Bill Kelsey - N8ET - Kanga US wrote:

> CQ Worldwide DX Contest - CW
>
> Call: N8ET
> Operator(s): N8ET
> Station: N8ET
>
> Class: SOAB QRP
> QTH: Ohio
> Operating Time (hrs): 38
>
>

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> Summary:
> Band      QSOs  Zones  Countries
> -----
> 160:      8      3      2
> 80:      13     9     10
> 40:     113    17     49
> 20:     241    32     84
> 15:     262    29     79
> 10:     266    25     80
> -----
> Total:     903    115    304 = 1,060,031
>
> Club/Team: Mad River Radio Club
>
> rig - Omni 6+ at 5W
> Antennas:
> 160 - delta loop, top at 120'
> 80 - dipole at 90'
> 40 - 2 ele at 80'
> 20 - 4 ele at 90'
> 15 - 4 ele at 80'
> 10 - 5 ele at 80'
> 73 - Bill - N8ET

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:01:52 -0500
From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <fxtech@earthlink.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84945] Re: SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VF0!!!
Message-ID: <001301c0593b$60b3ea00$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
    charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Trevor,

WAY COOL!!

I can't wait to add your VF0 to my SMK-1.

72 de KB9BVN

----- Original Message -----

From: "Trevor Jacobs" <fxtech@earthlink.net>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 6:18 AM

Subject: SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!

> Hi everyone,

> Well it's almost 3am here in Southern CA, but I had to share this with
> you. In the last 2 weeks I've finalized the prototype VFO for my SMK-1 I
was

> working on and am very happy with the performance. It tunes from 7.028 MHz
> to 7.148 MHz (I left a bit near the band edges just in case, but it could
> cover the entire CW band). I had a few problems with stray RF getting into
> the tuning diodes (well to be honest I'm using 1N914's!!!) but I fixed
that

> finally tonight by adding some RF chokes in some critical places. I'm
going

> to write this up in schematic form in the next month or so with the part
> values, but it's basically the original CB slider combined with the VFO
out

> of "Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur" figure 11 on page 38, with
an

> RIT mod that I built based on a circuit that I found on the Web using a
> 2N3906 and a 2N3904. I haven't done any real extensive long term drift
> measurements, but I'll put it this way. over a 24 hour period it drifted
> about 20 Hz! It stabilizes in about 15 minutes. The best news is that all
of

> the parts are off the shelf! This may be a fluke and I got lucky, so more
> testing is in need, but mine works well. It's sealed up in a small project
> box to help with thermal stability and RF isolation. I've found that even
> the slightest bit of RF noise to the tuning diodes will throw off the
> frequency, so shielding is very important. Anyway, I'll share the Schemes
> when I'm done with them.

> The best news is that I worked VA from CA tonight with this VFO and my
> modified SMK-1!!!!!! I've also worked OR and AZ with this setup during
> testing. The SMK-1 is putting out just under 2 watts with an added PA
> similar to Wayne's mod. Man this is fun!!! Anyway, I just had to share
this

> with you. The VA station KF4PHS put me over the edge, especially with a
559

> RST!!! Take care and I'll get this written up soon.

>

> 73

> Trev

> KG6CYN

>
>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:20:01 -0500
From: Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84946] CQWWCW with miniPIG
Message-ID: <3A23B101.4050006@epix.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I decided to use only my miniPIG (10 meters) during the CQWWCW contest.
I worked on and off for about 2hrs. total, listening for new stations,
using a dipole up 31ft.

There were about 3 pileups I couldn't break at 1.5W.:-) I was delighted
with my results considering the limited time, and the fact that the
miniPIG is VXO tuned.

After I tweaked the receiver, and learned where to transmit, I usually
got the station on the first attempt. I was especially delighted with
Hawaii, Cape Verde, Northern Ireland, and Greenland.

Building and using the miniPIG was a fun project, designed by Diz,
W8DIZ. Take a look at his website if you want to see some details on
this rig. <http://home.cinci.rr.com/w8diz/w8diz.htm>

Ed AA3SJ

Here's my contest log:

1. 9A7A
2. IK3SUK
3. ON4AKL
4. OK1FPS
5. OM3NY
6. CT3/DL2RUM
7. DL2DX
8. SK3SW
9. OX/N6ZZ
10. HA3A
11. EA4ML
12. GI4SNC
13. VE6BMX
14. F5RZJ

15. GM7V
16. PI4DEC
17. NH7A

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:20:18 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84947] Re: QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <ce.d142d24.27550b14@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rick,
There is a link on my webpage, it points to
<http://hfradio.org/wb8rcr/QSLMaker.html>

72, oo
Dan, N8IE

In a message dated Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:19:56 AM Eastern Standard Time, Rick
McKee <kc8aon@juno.com> writes:

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:28:26 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84948] FOX: Log, N8IE
Message-ID: <35.d25f163.27550d07@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
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I want to thank everyone who came by, this was fun! Also thanks to Doc and the rest of the Cub Fox managers for making this happen!

Please send me any corrections.

ps. To all my fellow Piggies, thanks for showing up! 72, oo

Here's the log! 43 Q's.

Time	Call	R	S	St	Name	Pwr
0200	af4ps	579	559	fl	Mac	4w
0202	ve3fal	589	559	ont	Fred	3w
0204	k0evz	589	589	nd	Doc	5w 589
0206	w9wis	559	559	wi	Mike	4w
0209	k4byf	559	559	fl	Jack	5w
0211	kc1fb	559	559	ct	Jim	5w
0215	kr5c	559	559	tx	George	5w
0217	w3pnr	579	559	pa	Joe	3w
0218	k9iua	559	559	nd	Kevin	5w
0221	n8var	599	559	oh	Ron	5w
0223	w5yr	559	559	tx	Geo	5w
0226	ac5jh	559	559	ok	Tom	5w

0229 kv4ee 559 559 ny Craig 5w
0232 w8ymo 559 559 oh Harry 2w
0233 aa3ur 559 559 pa Dave 5w
0235 no4d 599 559 sc Ken 5w
0237 k2ud 599 559 ny Howard 5w
0239 ka5ld 559 559 tx Neal 5w
0242 n1odl 559 559 nh Aron 4w
0244 n4roa 559 559 va Dan 4w
0246 w0ch 559 559 mo Dave 200mw
0250 wa9pwp 579 559 wi Paul 5w
0252 wa9ydj 579 559 il Wanye 5w
0253 ke0ww 559 559 mn John 5w
0255 n4euk 559 559 va Steve 5w
0300 n5ib 559 559 la Jim 5w
0307 wu9f 559 559 wi Terry 5w
0309 kb9bvn 339 559 in Brian 5w
0314 ki0ii 559 559 co Ron 5w
0321 aj4ay 559 339 al Jim 5w
0325 kc0gxx 559 559 ne Tom 2w
0326 n5glq 559 559 la Mike 5w
0328 af4lq 579 559 ky Mike 5w
0331 k2fn 559 559 nj Frank 5w
0334 va6rf 559 449 ab Earl 5w
0338 nc9o 559 559 il Ralph 2w
0340 n0tu 579 559 co Steve 5w
0342 aa7eq 559 449 az Bob 5w
0344 no4d 559 559 nc Ken 5w
0347 kb5mhs 449 559 tx Walt 5w
0350 k4tjd 559 559 ga Tom 5w
0354 wa7tqk 339 449 id Bill 5w
0355 n1bq 559 559 vt Brian 5w

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<http://members.aol.com/shephed/n8ie.htm>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:50:00 -0500

From: hamjoel@juno.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [84949] OT SUPRISED UR SUPRISED

Message-ID: <20001128.085105.-277361.0.hamjoel@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hy y'all

I am suprised that folk are suprised many folk simply listen and understand 40+wpw cw... when I was a youngun, I was in the 35wpw listening area...my neighbor can and still does talk with ya and send and receive cw at any speed...he's really amazing to watch... course this is back in louisiana...

Now I use cw get to help me out over 25wpw... and if I spent meaux time (which I have plenty of) wrking cw then I would progress up the ladder... it's a question of time every day on cw...

when I was gotten ready for my commercial cw test... 25wpw solid copy, one minute out of five ... I used to practice three to five times a day for 10 to 15 minutes at a shot... passed my test...however been on and off the air and let my speed drop... only recently brought it back up to about 20wpw...

So don't be suprised at high speed cw... it's a question of time spent listening and once u spend the time to get there u have to spend the time to keep ur speed there and slowing down to 20wpw is a discomfort to most... much more info passed at higher speeds...

What helped me most was one day when it dawned on me... if I knew the characters then all I needed to do was listen... and jot down what was sent... nothing being sent would be unknown... I relaxed noticeably after realizing this...simple as it is...

So if speedin is ur goal the answer is practice, practice... Chuck could give u great pointeers on How "To Practice"...

Such be my 2 cents on this subject... got a nutter ant project to look at...since the bees bee froze out...

kella joel

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:06:17 -0500

From: "Jim Dolson" <jdolson@iserv.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [84950] [FS] - Large Gell-Cell Batteries - SOLD OUT

Message-ID: <00f301c05944\$60be3420\$8f09e0d0@hal>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

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>I have six 26 AHr gell-cell batteries for sale, in the original boxes (two
>to a box). The batteries are between one and two years old and all hold a
>charge. You wouldn't want to go backpacking with them, but for Field Day,
>home, or cottage use they are great.

All six batteries have been sold. I *may* be able to get a few more. If
so, I'll post again after making sure they are OK.

73,

Jim
wb8zbd

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 06:27:57 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: kc8aon@juno.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84951] Re: QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <20001128142757.27285.qmail@web9604.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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Curt WB8YYY
FP#44

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:47:16 -0000
From: "M05aaa01" <merryprankster@CWCOM.NET>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84952] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <006e01c0594b\$fe0c1d80\$4ecb2cc3@M05aaa00>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This list! This list! This list!
Well I don't believe it!
What a font of knowledge.
I saw the post on the CW Get prog.
Thought? sounds good had a go, all well!
Then I get the post about ten meters and them beacons,
I connect the puter and 10 meter rig with CWGET and now I don't even have to
listen to the beacons just click on now and again to see what the bands
like...
Look at the call and count the T's after. BrillIANT.
Found a use for that unused KENWOOD NOW!
Lazy old BuXXer

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:01:45 -0500
From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>
To: <Shephed@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84953] Re: Log, N8IE
Message-ID: <001301c0594c\$203ed870\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Not too shabby!!

Especially for the upper end of 40m.

27 States, 2 Canadian Provinces

I was trying you on my one watt NC40 down on 7120 but I don't think I was
making it through the herd. The 339 I gave you was pretty much it for me.
I'm sure my well attenuated attic dipole is the culprit.

72 es "oo"

----- Original Message -----

From: <Shephed@aol.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 8:28 AM
Subject: FOX: Log, N8IE

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:06:29 EST
From: Macstein@aol.com
To: brian@iquest.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84954] Re: Log, N8IE
Message-ID: <b0.cc7f8f4.275523f5@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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In a message dated 11/28/00 10:03:44 AM Eastern Standard Time,
brian@iquest.net writes:

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I resemble that remark!

72

-MAC-

AF4PS

Odessa, FL "Home of the Infamous Attic Dipole" and K2 #643

QRP-L # 704, FISTS #5096, CC #754, NorCal #1998, Zombie #510,
ARCI #9843, AR QRP #257, HI QRP #83, ARS # 751, Whiners #5,
SOC #28, West FL QRP, Flying Pig QRP #-51...
and various other annual \$15 commitments.

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:07:12 -0500

From: "Brian" <brian@iquest.net>

To: <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [84955] Re: QSL card program ?

Message-ID: <002101c0594c\$e3070ad0\$3d05080a@cincom.com>

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I just bought one of the \$45 Lexmark LZ11 printers from Wally World....it's slow BUT I can feed it index stock with no problems!! I make about all my QSL cards with MS Word and just print them as I need them. My former employer had a color laser for my amusement, but I don't work there anymore. Had to buy my own color output mo-sheen. The color carts are almost as expensive as the printer!!

I like the ability of being able to send out custom QSL's. Some of you have my famous "Groundhog Day" QSL, or the "Turkey Day" QSL, or the one where I'm wearing a speedo about to jump into a vat of baked beans...no wait...that was for something else....

Sebbenty Tree es "oo" de KB9BVN

----- Original Message -----

From: "Curt Milton" <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 9:27 AM

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:10:13 -0500
From: Jim - qrp/cw <kw3u@warwick.net>
To: low pwr qrp <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84956] xtal mods + manual wanted
Message-ID: <3A23CAD4.AEA555C1@warwick.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all;

For the qrp part of this post, along with my collection of
ft-243's(not dust collectors - I excite a few of them most evenings)
I have a couple nice freq's I can't use as the pins are too large: the
spacing seems correct but the pin diameter won't fit in xtal sockets
for normal ft243's. any useful tips appreciated, i believe filing would
be
too tedious.

And now part 2:

I picked up a viking challenger xmtr and would like to get a
manual or copy for it. also any interesting auntiedots about it.

Also I misspelled one word, if you can find it and know
the correct spelling, please turn off your computer and get on
15 cw, you'll be rewarded with a new country.

72 Jim kw3u

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:09:57 -0600
From: Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [84957] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <3A23CAC5.E2F26127@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep, you can monitor those beacons at 28.2. And I find I can almost always hear half a dozen of them well into the evening.

10 m. is "open" much more often than people assume it to be. The problem is lack of activity, not lack of propagation.

-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>
KA9NZI, Seneca Twp., McHenry Co., IL Grid: EN52rg
QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:15:13 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84958] Re: Fw: ARRL SS CW W6RCL SO QRP
Message-ID: <1001028101513.KAB11805@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 11/20/00 20:40, Alan Kaul at alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net wrote:

>I heard very few other QRP stations on, and judging by the
>large number of S9+50db signals on the bands, this is one contest when we
>would all be better served if NO ONE USED the highest power!
>
>How about it ARRL?? You set the requirements --- how about changing the SS
>contest rules to limit power to 100-200W maximum??

You know, this happens every year, in every contest -- someone always wants to change the rules.

But, that's OK. Because there are loads of contests out there, and if you look hard enough, you can find one to meet your needs.

I started contesting with the SS and it remains one of my favorites, but in the last couple of years I've really gotten into the North American QSO Party. The NAQP has several advantages. Like the SS, it is a domestic contest. It is short, only 12 hours. It allows multipliers per band, so scores are higher, and you have to move multipliers. And it happens twice a year in each mode (CW and SSB, once a year for RTTY) in January and

August. But the best part is that everyone is limited to 100 watts.

So, rather than trying to change SS, why not try to enjoy another contest with rules closer to your ideal?

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:15:13 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <K2FN@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84959] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
Message-ID: <1001028101512.KAA11805@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 11/26/00 12:08, K2FN@aol.com at K2FN@aol.com wrote:

> have been listening to the contest for practice. I thought I was listening
> to some top notch operators. I guess I'm just listening to computers after
> all. Computers to send, computers to copy.

The computers may send, but the top operators copy by ear. They just do it really fast. To them, CW is just a language -- they hear it, and understand it.

The very best ones can copy upwards of 50 wpm. There is no secret to this skill. All it takes is practice -- lots of it.

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And, yes, you have unearthed the poorest operating practices: not IDing often enough, sending too fast. I don't see where the guys who do this justify the time savings. I also get confused with the upshift in speed to send 5NN, then downshift for the zone. Either way, one repeat and any time saving goes down the drain.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:16:01 -0600
From: Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84960] Re: CONTESTS- "599" in contests -- its a synchronizer
Message-ID: <3A23CC31.32613191@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yes, I was thinking the same thing. The 599 report is more like a prosign than it is content when used in a contest. I'm sure this was not the original intent, but somehow it has come to be the status quo, at least for the big contests. My suspicion is that memory keyers have something to do with this, since using a canned exchange necessitates using a canned report.

I haven't worked a QRP-ARCI 'test in a number of years. But I'll bet most of the reports there are still "real". RST is pretty subjective anyway. If you try to use an S-meter, you end up giving 509 and 519 reports to a lot of perfectly readable and even "loud-sounding" QRP signals.

-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>
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QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:37:22 -0600
From: Gary Lee Phillips KA9NZI <ka9nzi@arrl.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84961] Re: Is ten meters open 24 hours a day?
Message-ID: <3A23D132.A095438E@arrl.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yep. Now you need the Active Beacon Wizard software from Kangaroo Tabor. It's an inexpensive shareware program that tracks the beacons on not only 10 m., but also every HF band down to 20 m. Can synchronize your computer clock from the internet, capture propagation reports and warnings for you, and even has a nifty grayline map display with the beacons highlighted in turn. You can download it to try, register if you want to keep using it.

<http://www.taborsoft.com/abw/index.shtml>

(I'm not connected with the author of this software, I just really like using it...)

-- Gary Phillips, Marengo, IL <mailto:ka9nzi@arrl.net>
KA9NZI, Seneca Twp., McHenry Co., IL Grid: EN52rg
QRP-L #2124 <http://www.qsl.net/ka9nzi/>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:45:56 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>
Subject: [84962] FOX: Log, N8IE v1.1
Message-ID: <3b.cda7c79.27552d35@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Two corrections to my first log:

Ken, N04D's first contact was really 8-9 watts, also I typed NC in the second entry when in fact it's SC, my bad. I left the first contact in but I guess it does not count in the final number, unless Mac wants to do a re-count. :-)

Dave, W0CH was at 100mW, not 200mW. That was a typo on my part.

So, here's v1.1

Time	Call	R	S	St	Name	Pwr
0200	af4ps	579	559	fl	Mac	4w
0202	ve3fal	589	559	ont	Fred	3w
0204	k0evz	589	589	nd	Doc	5w
0206	w9wis	559	559	wi	Mike	4w
0209	k4byf	559	559	fl	Jack	5w
0211	kc1fb	559	559	ct	Jim	5w
0215	kr5c	559	559	tx	George	5w
0217	w3pnr	579	559	pa	Joe	3w
0218	k9iua	559	559	nd	Kevin	5w
0221	n8var	599	559	oh	Ron	5w
0223	w5yr	559	559	tx	Geo	5w
0226	ac5jh	559	559	ok	Tom	5w
0229	kv4ee	559	559	ny	Craig	5w
0232	w8ymo	559	559	oh	Harry	2w
0233	aa3ur	559	559	pa	Dave	5w
0235	no4d	599	559	sc	Ken	5w (really 8-9 watts)
0237	k2ud	599	559	ny	Howard	5w

0239 ka5ld 559 559 tx Neal 5w
0242 n1odl 559 559 nh Aron 4w
0244 n4roa 559 559 va Dan 4w
0246 w0ch 559 559 mo Dave 100mw
0250 wa9pwp 579 559 wi Paul 5w
0252 wa9ydj 579 559 il Wanye 5w
0253 ke0ww 559 559 mn John 5w
0255 n4euk 559 559 va Steve 5w
0300 n5ib 559 559 la Jim 5w
0307 wu9f 559 559 wi Terry 5w
0309 kb9bvn 339 559 in Brian 5w
0314 ki0ii 559 559 co Ron 5w
0321 aj4ay 559 339 al Jim 5w
0325 kc0gxx 559 559 ne Tom 2w
0326 n5glq 559 559 la Mike 5w
0328 af4lq 579 559 ky Mike 5w
0331 k2fn 559 559 nj Frank 5w
0334 va6rf 559 449 ab Earl 5w
0338 nc9o 559 559 il Ralph 2w
0340 n0tu 579 559 co Steve 5w
0342 aa7eq 559 449 az Bob 5w
0344 no4d 559 559 sc Ken 5w
0347 kb5mhs 449 559 tx Walt 5w
0350 k4tjd 559 559 ga Tom 5w
0354 wa7tqk 339 449 id Bill 5w
0355 n1bq 559 559 vt Brian 5w

72, 73, oo's

Dan, N8IE Kettering, Oh

FPqrp #-6, QRP-1 #1404, FISTS #4985, Zombie #667, SOC #284

<http://members.aol.com/shephed/n8ie.htm>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:46:44 EST

From: NB6M@aol.com

To: fxtech@earthlink.net

Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [84963] Re: SMK-1 at 2 watts w/Homebrew VFO!!!

Message-ID: <bd.93f66d2.27552d64@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Great work, Trev,

Yep, those little SMK-1s are lots of fun, and really invite modification. I

have had more fun with them, especially with my VFO and 5 Watt Mods, than with just about any other little rig I've built recently.

Nice to see another approach to the VFO. I had equally good results with the stability of mine, so it is definitely repeatable.

Thanks for sharing.

72

Wayne NB6M

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:51:59 -0500
From: "W5TB - 'Doc' Drake" <w5tb@softhome.net>
To: <k5zty@juno.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84964] Re: FOX: Notice / Warning Fox #11 (11-28-00) 7 PM MST.
Message-ID: <B64930BE.60D2%w5tb@softhome.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

>> Ron ki0ii Soon to be Fox #11

You'll find a picture of tonight's Fox at
<http://www.qsl.net/ae0q/kb0szg.htm>

Hopefully the furry one will be a little warmer :-) CU in the pileup!

73 T.E. 'Doc' Drake W5TB

Arlington, TX w5tb@arrl.net <http://www.qsl.net/w5tb/>
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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:22:54 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84965] Re: QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <25.e06ba0b.275535de@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I got one of the speedo cards Brian, now I'm blind in one eye. Thanks, thanks a lot! :-)

72, oo
Dan, N8IE

In a message dated Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:09:04 AM Eastern Standard Time, "Brian" <brian@iquest.net> writes:

<<I like the ability of being able to send out custom QSL's. Some of you have my famous "Groundhog Day" QSL, or the "Turkey Day" QSL, or the one where I'm wearing a speedo about to jump into a vat of baked beans...no wait...that was for something else....

Sebbenty Tree es "oo" de KB9BVN>>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:25:39 -0800 (PST)
From: Jeff <fantbb@yahoo.com>
To: qrp qrp <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84966] re: laptops and psk31
Message-ID: <20001128162539.70810.qmail@web10002.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

> > would have been cheaper to get another used laptop with a sound
> card
> > built in! This is the problem I ran up against as I have a color
> > laptop with no sound card. 8-(

> Look for the Eiger Media PCMCIA sound card on places like eBay.
> I picked up one last year to use with a Toshiba 50CT, have since
> traded up to a Compaq with built-in sound card and sold the Eiger
> PCMCIA card too. It was about \$65.00 and worked great on PSK31.

> =====

> Dave Redfearn, ARS N4ELM, McKinney, TX

Thought others might like to look at this good idea from Dave!

Jeff

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AB6MB

Stop censorship on mailing lists!

NorCal QRP Club #65, QRP-L #1780, ARCI 10071
Radical FIST Member 6798

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<http://shopping.yahoo.com/>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:36:41 EST
From: Shephed@aol.com
To: <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84967] FPQRP: Newsletter deadline
Message-ID: <7c.e0c659e.27553919@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello all,
Just a reminder, the deadline for getting your article in the Dec issue is
Friday, Dec 1.
Pse send them to n8ie@aol.com

I'm looking for Xmas stories that you might have relating to Ham Radio.

Tnx es 72, oo
Dan, N8IE

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:35:57 -0500 (GMT+5)
From: wd9eyb@butler.qrp.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, wvara@butler.qrp.com
Subject: [84968] PSK: Warbler Group Building Project
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1001128113403.22034A-1000000@butler.qrp.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

This coming Saturday, 12-02-2000, I wish to host a continuation of
the PSK-80 group building project for west central Indiana and
east central Illinois. Probably none of the batch 2 kits will
be here but if you have a batch 1 kit that you have not started or
is in need of completion you are invited to attend. We will start
at 1:00 PM EST, that's 1:00 PM New York time, 12:00 PM Chicago time,
or 1800 UTC. We will meet at my office at Corporate Square in
Terre Haute, Indiana. If you wish to come please let me know by

email, wd9eyb@arrl.net, or phone, 812.238.0584. I will give you directions.

Since the building is locked on Saturday I need to know that you're coming so I can let you in. If you're late I will listen on 146.52 MHz with my itty bitty HT, you probably can get me from not much more than the parking lot. You can also phone 812.238.0584.

Please bring your own tools and supplies. You'll work at a conference table with a protective place mat. Please bring your own kit. I'm just a ham and can't get them any faster than any other ham. If you haven't ordered your kit yet go to the New Jersey QRP Club web page and get it ordered.
<http://www.njqrp.org/warbler/>

At the building session my PSK-80 Warbler will be available as an example of a built kit. I can't say it's 100% correct but it seems to work ok and I have had QSO's with it. I think I need to change C10 from 220 pF to 330 pF as described on the kit notes web page, so I will be doing that Saturday afternoon. If you want to see my Warbler visit the following web page.
<http://butler.qrp.com/~wd9eyb/psk80>

I will also have my 80 meter rabbit ears at the office so we can hook those up and see what kind of RFI we get from the computers in the office next door.

If you have a sick Warbler you may bring it to the building session and we'll see if we can cure it. I'll bring my WM-2 wattmeter, dummy load, and my oscscope for testing. With a working Warbler nearby it will be easier to troubleshoot a sick one. There's a Radio Shack within 0.5 miles if you need to buy a replacement part or something. Unfortunately the real electronics store, and it ain't all that real, in town is only open on weekdays. If you anticipate the need for a replacement part buy it ahead of time.

If you have a laptop computer bring that too.

If you wish to attend or have any questions please email wd9eyb@arrl.net or phone 812.238.0584.

Thanks,

Jim, WD9EYB

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 08:54:20 -0800
From: "Alan Kaul" <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Bill Coleman" <aa4lr@arrl.net>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84969] Change the rules?
Message-ID: <007901c0595b\$dbb2d480\$b00b480c@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>So, rather than trying to change SS, why not try to enjoy another contest with rules closer to your ideal?<

Hi Bill,

What bothers me is in SS, for example, two high power stations down the street from each other will run full power to exchange reports then sign the REQUIRED ENTRY STATEMENT "I have operated under the terms of my license and rules of the licensing authority"

It clearly is not the case.

This is not the CQWW where you try to work the other end of the world. This is US-Canadian domestic where you try to work the guy next door.

FCC rules and regs require an operator to reduce power, etc., to the minimum required for the contact. I e-mailed Riley Hollingsworth to ask the official interpretation of the rule -- and he said minimum power means just that. So it is difficult to justify MAXIMUM POWER.

We know from the logs submitted to the 3830-list that running legal maximum power is not required to work all 80 sections --- a lot of low power entries do it, and a few QRP stations do it every contest. We also know that it is a fallacy to claim that you have to operate at those power levels to maintain a RUN frequency ---- if everyone were limited to 100 watts, then no one would have to be at 1kw or 2kw to remain competitive.

I just think it is time that the acknowledge that the contest rules concerning high power are a sham. And the more members who raise the issue, the better off we will be.

Let's take it a step beyond: the ARRL 's W1AW was a multi-multi in the contest. Did it reduce power to the FCC's mandated minimum or was it business as usual with a wink and a nod?

Yep, tilting at windmills. I know. But the best way to make changes is from inside an organization. So, I'll be sharpening my spear and keep trying.

72/73 de alan

Alan Kaul, W6RCL, LaCanada, CA
w6rcl@amsat.org , <http://home.att.net/~alan.kaul/index.html>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 09:03:04 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: rblutman@hotmail.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84970] Re: T88QC
Message-ID: <20001128170304.20024.qmail@web9602.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Most these operations from rarer places, even more so in contests, are visitors hence you don't want their local address, nor do you send it to that particular callsign via the buro.

this website posts info on lots of those operations:

<http://cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/>

this gets you closest to real time info without reading lots of DX bulletins!

after the fact - well eventually these calls find themselves into some, but not maybe all qsl search engines.

visit the website of fellow qrp'er for a list of qsl search engines:

<http://www.qsl.net/k3wwp>

i hope you are now in business for all the other funny alphabet soup you work on the bands!

curt wb8yyy

--- Rand Lutman <rblutman@hotmail.com> wrote:
> Did anyone work T88QC on the 23rd of November? He

> was on Balau Island, North
> Carolinas. QRZ and Buckmasters does not list him.
> Does anyone know his QSL
> information? 73 and thanks Rand
>

> Get more from the Web. FREE MSN Explorer download :
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>

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:13:46 -0500
From: Rick Weber <weber@accenttech.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84971] Old time QRP
Message-ID: <3A23E793.E61BE13D@accenttech.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; x-mac-type="54455854"; x-mac-creator="4D4F5353"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The best QRP rigs glow in the dark!

For a warm touch of nostalgia of what hams sounded like on the air in 1929, tune in to 3550 to 3580 KC this weekend. Once a year, a bunch of us (Antique Wireless Association members) dust off our old Hartleys and TNTs and go on the air for a QSO Party. Usually a little chirpy, clicky, and drifty, but pure golden era ham radio. And, its all QRP.

W9QZ's Hartley:

<http://www.accenttech.com/w9qz/jpg4.html>

If you have an old rig, please warm up those fire bottles and give us a call.

The Bruce Kelley Memorial 1929 QSO Party is December 2-3 and again December 9-10 -- two weekends. Start Saturday at 2300Z and finish Sunday 2300Z both periods.

Contact as many other AWA members as possible. Exchange RST, name, QTH, type of transmitter, year, power.

Transmitters must be 1929 or earlier self-oscillator designs such as the

an input of 10 Watts or less (5 Watts out). Frequency is 3550 KC and 3580 KC.

Rick Weber W9QZ/QRP

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:36:44 -0500 (EST)
From: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
To: Alan Kaul <alan.kaul@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84972] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.4.05L.10011281234460.18065-100000@vh1.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

> I just think it is time that the acknowledge that the contest rules concerning
> high power are a sham. And the more members who raise the issue, the better off
> we will be.

They are are...but, as many will tell you...."It's a contest." After all, if signal reports are meaningless, why should we even bother to adhere to the law?

[./](#)
baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster

http://www.baltimoremd.com/	Baltimore's Home Page
http://www.baltimorehon.com/	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
http://www.zerobeat.net	Home of The QRP Web Ring

and Drake Mail List Pages

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:25:14 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84973] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <3A23EA7A.13D2@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I don't think any of you rally understand the situation, unless every ham's opinion is heard, understood, and counted, we don't have a fair contest! The discussion over hanging and pregnant signal reports has already been made! This discussion simply mirrors American conetst law!

73

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:34:18 -0600
From: "Jay Bromley" <w5jay@alltel.net>
To: <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84974] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over
Message-ID: <008f01c05961\$7090a000\$509b66a6@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Doug and all hi,
No true on the credit cards, mine was charged with no rig to show for it.
Guess what I did??
73 de w5jay..

Commercial companies have started selling us vaporware,
> getting us all excited, promising the world, having us place our orders,
get
> our name on the "list", which ties up our money (yes I know that they
don't
> charge the credit card until they ship, but the money is still committed),
> then making us wait, sometimes for months. Several of them have started
> doing this and I am not going to play that game any longer.

>
> Clubs, such as NorCal, NJ, Ft. Smith etc. are a different animal. The
kits
> that they sell are used to finance club projects, make available low cost
> kits and the work is done by volunteers. I don't mind ordering in advance
> from a club, recognizing that they must have funds to order parts etc.
plus
> they don't make us wait for several months after they start taking orders.
>
> I posted this as an explanation, as several have asked for my impressions
of
> the new 817. Now you know. 72, Doug, KI6DS
>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:42:37 -0600
From: "John Burnley" <burnleyia@home.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84975] OT: Attention Minnesota QRP'ers
Message-ID: <000201c05962\$994559e0\$1b790818@c149552-a.west1.ia.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'll be in the Minneapolis area next week (December 5
through December 8) for a class. If any of you have
some free time and want to get together for an eyeball,
please email me privately. Thanks much in advance.

72, John NU0V

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:50:55 -0500
From: "John Nally" <nally@talstar.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84976] Re: laptops and psk31
Message-ID: <001701c05963\$c2203960\$0200a2c6@dellsystem>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jeff" <fantbb@yahoo.com>

> > Look for the Eiger Media PCMCIA sound card on places like eBay.
> > I picked up one last year to use with a Toshiba 50CT, have since
> > traded up to a Compaq with built-in sound card and sold the Eiger
> > PCMCIA card too. It was about \$65.00 and worked great on PSK31.
> > =====
> > Dave Redfearn, ARS N4ELM, McKinney, TX
>
> Thought others might like to look at this good idea from Dave!
>
> Jeff

My Toshiba 510CDT laptop has a built-in sound card, which is identified on the system display as a "Crystal PnP Audio Sound CODEC". Anyone have any idea as to whether or not that will work with the software???

John AF4WM

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:54:10 -0600
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
To: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84977] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <3A23F142.8116B996@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For what it is worth, the "minimum power required" rule has been a neglected farce ever since it was enacted back in the 30's or whenever.

For decades there have been well-known stations on most bands consistently operating with kilowatts of power output with no response from the FCC. As Karl, K5DI, mentioned the other day, he operated at W6AM in the 50's with transmitters that were delivering 3 KW to the antenna! And W6AM is/was one of the best known and respected of ham stations and operators ever.

A local Dallas ham was electrocuted when he got across the 4500-volt supply as he stood *inside* the final amplifier compartment of his 20-meter rig!

I subscribe fully to the spirit of the rule, but it has seldom been enforced by the FCC for various reasons. Even in the present enforcement climate, Riley notwithstanding, we are most unlikely to see much attention being paid to transmitter power abuse. Especially in the transient period of a contest event.

I find curious the logical linkage between signal reports ostensibly being meaningless and adherence to the law (?!).

Since those of us on this reflector seldom if ever can be accused of operating with excess power (!), perhaps this discussion is on the wrong forum.

72/73, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas NETXQRP 6

Fairview, TX 30 mi NE Dallas in Collin county QRP-L 1373
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 55th year and it just keeps getting better!
Icom IC-756 PRO #02121 (9/00) Kachina #91900556 (12/99) IC-765 (6/90)

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com wrote:

After all,
> if signal reports are meaningless, why should we even bother to adhere to
> the law?

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:00:43 -0500
From: "Pastor-KC1DI" <elbc@pivot.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84978] FT:SCOUT
Message-ID: <003001c05965\$2167e5c0\$ea7961ce@elbc>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

HI All,

Willing to trade my TEN TEC Scout 555 with all band modules and 937 P.S. For QRP SSB Gear like the TS 130 or SGC 2020 or similar make an offer if interested .. Please send enquiries direct to elbc@pivot.net

73 & 72 DAVE KC1DI

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:06:35 -0500
From: "Mike Yetzko" <myetzko@insydesw.com>
To: <w5yr@att.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84979] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <005501c05966\$2362fd00\$2101a8c0@insydesw.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hmm, feel like you're preaching to the choir?

Seriously, how can that rule be enforced? Minimum power...
Someone can ALWAYS claim they want that little bit extra S/N
ratio kick, or to 'prevent' that one in a million dropout.

And I feel guilty kicking the K2 up to 10W!!

But to be fair, I don't ALWAYS remember to punch back my
Alinco when I'm in the car and don't need the 45W.

However, I feel I'm a far cry from the lids I heard on the repeater,
well, one lid, from a neighboring state. From what I could hear,
just HIS side was coming in local on 'our' machine. The guy he
was talking to was running an HT on LOW power, and this guy
was hearing the HT on INPUT. So that means they were close,
and BOTH close to the repeater. But this IDIOT just HAD to use
his new Tokyo HiPower 160W or so amp...

Mike

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:20:24 -0500 (EST)
From: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
To: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84980] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.4.05L.10011281315310.19825-100000@vh1.min.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Tue, 28 Nov 2000, George, W5YR wrote:

> I find curious the logical linkage between signal reports ostensibly
> being meaningless and adherence to the law (?!).

The connection is...if accurate reports are not important, after all, "It's just a contest.", then it's also not important that contest operators adhere to the law, "After all, it's just a contest."

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>
> Since those of us on this reflector seldom if ever can be accused of
> operating with excess power (!), perhaps this discussion is on the wrong
> forum.
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Perhaps, but since many of us on the reflector are affected by the operating habits and power used by others, the thread may be QRP related.

[illegible]

http://www.baltimoremd.com/	Baltimore's Home Page
http://www.baltimorehon.com/	Home of the Baltimore Lexicon
http://www.zerobeat.net	Home of The QRP Web Ring and Drake Mail List Pages

Date: 28 Nov 00 13:24:56 EST
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: qrp-1@LeHigh.EDU
Subject: [84981] change the rules?
Message-ID: <20001128182456.24991.qmail@aw161.netaddress.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I personally have no problem with the reports during contests. While they might have once meant something, in the 25 years I've had a ticket they have consistently meant very little. When I want honesty in signal strength reporting, I work stations outside of the contests; when I'm looking for new or unusual countries, I put up with the 599 reports I receive with my one-watt, ssb or cw. =

Power output is another serious concern altogether. Everyone who operates=
qrp
knows there is seldom a reason to utilize more power than is necessary to=
maintain communications, and I agree that this has always needed examinatio=
ion
by those who make the rules. Maybe it's time to try to do something about=
it.

One opinion.

mike
wb5yjx
k2#621, SOC 54, QRP-L #2130, QRP/ARCI #3922, AK QRP #514, ARS #810

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:37:55 -0800
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
To: w5jay@alltel.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84982] Re: FT817: The Wait is Over
Message-ID: <3A23FB83.4D12BAFF@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jay Bromley wrote:

>
> Doug and all hi,
> No true on the credit cards, mine was charged with no rig to show for it.
> Guess what I did??
>

Who charged you without delivering a radio, Jay?

Phil

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:47:02 -0800

From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84983] Dueling, Manhattan Style and the Iowa QRP 10
Message-ID: <01c0596b\$99560ca0\$330b0d0a@dhendricks>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am pleased to announce that today, I will be sending two sets of parts for the Iowa QRP 10 to Chuck Adams, K7QO, and Jim Kortge, K8IQY. As you all are aware, both of these gentlemen are expert Manhattan Style Builders. They will each build the Iowa QRP 10 as presented in the Fall 2000 QRPP article written by Mike Fitzgibbon, N0MF and illustrated by Paul Harden, NA5N.

Now for the interesting part. We will get to watch as these two builders progress through the building. They will each take pictures of their progress, and they will be posted on a web site to be announced. One will be builder A, the other Builder B. We, the members of QRP-L will vote on the best job. Yet another great use of the internet for qrpers and builders. The voting details and information will be announced later. The winner will be presented a plaque from NorCal and crowned as the World Champion Iowa QRP 10 builder.

You will get to follow along as they build and post their pictures, and compare their work to the drawings in QRPP. A ton of learning is going to take place, and it will happen the first 2 weeks of December. When both have received their packages of parts, building will begin. I assume that they will be posting daily progress reports here on qrp-l, and it should make for some fun reading.

Several have asked about parts availability for the Iowa QRP 10. There is a possibility that either a full kit of parts, or a partial kit of the hard to get ones will be made available. Email me if you are interested in such an offer. (It will be after the holidays before we do the kits if we do them).

Have a good day. 72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:48:11 EST
From: Shephed@aol.com
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84984] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <28.da9460e.275557ec@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I agree, we must count every Hams vote for this to be truly fair. (Except for the overseas QRO Hams, they don't agree with me)

This is an American contest, and we must all be heard. (except for the Republichams)

I WON THE SWEEPS, I WON THE SWEEPS!!!! IT'S NOT FAIR, DARN DARN DARN.....

In a message dated Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:30:37 PM Eastern Standard Time, Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com> writes:

<< I don't think any of you rally understand the situation, unless every ham's opinion is heard, understood, and counted, we don't have a fair contest! The discussion over hanging and pregnant signal reports has already been made! This discussion simply mirrors American conetst law!

73
>>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 10:57:54 -0700
From: Wayne Burdick <n6kr@elecraft.com>
To: qrp <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, Elecraft <elecraft@qth.net>
Subject: [84985] best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
Message-ID: <3A23F221.419DB917@elecraft.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm looking for a miniature keyer paddle that's both rugged and small that can be attached directly to the K1's wide-range tilt stand (KTS1). The KTS1 will accomdate a paddle base up to about 1.5" in depth, not counting the paddles themselves. (The idea is that the paddle can be lightweight, with the tilt-stand substituting for the usual heavy keyer base. This eliminates the need to hold the paddle with two hands or strap it to your leg during field use.)

I suppose the paddle could be velcro-mounted or glued on, but I'd prefer to use one or two screws so it will be stable, as well as easily removed.

There are lots of miniature paddles out there -- anyone have an opinion

on which one best fits this application? I can modify an existing unit if necessary.

72,
Wayne
N6KR

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 14:01:52 -0500 (EST)
From: igeq100@iupui.edu
To: Rick Weber <weber@accenttech.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84986] Re: Old time QRP
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.96.1001128135842.28457A-1000000@jade.iupui.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi, Rick -

Your "Old Time" rig is truly a thing of beauty. I'll be listening for you on 80 meters this weekend. If I have time, I may dust off the old 6L6 rig.

72,
Rich Meiss, WB9LPU

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 11:03:37 -0800
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
To: Wayne Burdick <n6kr@elecraft.com>
Cc: qrp <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, Elecraft <elecraft@qth.net>
Subject: [84987] Re: [Elecraft] best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
Message-ID: <3A240189.52702694@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne,

I like the Paddlette. It is held by a glue-on thin magnet (one on the base, one on the key). But, as usual with paddles, the "feel" is a very personal choice.

BUT .. mine will fit only with the base in the field (high) position;
with the rig in the "on-desk" position and tilted back, there is
interference. But, in that case, I use a Schurr anyway.

Phil W70X

Wayne Burdick wrote:

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> if necessary.
>
> 72,
> Wayne
> N6KR
>
> ---
> Submissions: elecraft@qth.net
> Please note: The list server automatically rejects HTML encoded emails.
> List Archive page: <http://www.qth.net/archive/elecraft/elecraft.html>
> Elecraft Web Page: <http://www.elecraft.com>

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 14:23:02 -0500 (EST)
From: "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84988] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
Message-ID: <XFMail.001128142302.w2agn@pobox.com>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
MIME-Version: 1.0

I noticed that some of those "fast" operators were sending at perhaps 30 wpm,
with their keyers set for 50+. Comes out " Braaaap NN A Braaaap" translated "599

15."

BTW, I taped some of those "braaaps" and they frequently were up to 9 "dits" long! "Top Operators?" I don't think so!

John W2AGN

On 28-Nov-00 Bill Coleman wrote:

> The computers may send, but the top operators copy by ear. They just do
> it really fast. To them, CW is just a language -- they hear it, and
> understand it.
>
> The very best ones can copy upwards of 50 wpm. There is no secret to this
> skill. All it takes is practice -- lots of it.
>
> --
>
> And, yes, you have unearthed the poorest operating practices: not IDing
> often enough, sending too fast. I don't see where the guys who do this
> justify the time savings. I also get confused with the upshift in speed
> to send 5NN, then downshift for the zone. Either way, one repeat and any
> time saving goes down the drain.

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:45:39 -0500
From: ed.kwik@delphiauto.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84989] MI QRP NET tonight
Message-ID: <052569A5.006712BF.00@usabhmg99.mail.delphiauto.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Just a reminder that it is Tuesday and that means another session of the Michigan QRP net. It is snowing so my power line QRN should be down below the band noise. Last week we had a good turn out. Net starts at 9:00 PM Eastern Time on 3.535 MHz. If the Frequency is busy or has QRM I will move up to 3.540 or so. Just send your call went you hear MI QRP NET QNI? All are welcome. I will adjust my speed to match yours.

Ed AB8DF

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 14:55:59 -0500 (EST)
From: "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
To: Wayne Burdick <n6kr@elecraft.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84990] RE: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
Message-ID: <XFMail.001128145559.w2agn@pobox.com>
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
MIME-Version: 1.0

I have a little paddle I bought at Atlanticon, from "The American Key Company. They make miniature paddles, and straight keys. I saw one of their paddles mounted on the K1 base at our last NJQRP meeting. Looked like a perfect fit. I don't have their address handy, but they advertise in QRP Quarterly.

John W2AGN

On 28-Nov-00 Wayne Burdick wrote:

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> 72,
> Wayne
> N6KR
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|_|_|_|<_>|. |/_> | \ | John L. Sielke w2agn@pobox.com w2agn@qsl.net
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EX-N4JS, W4MPC, W7JEF, K3HLU G-QRP #9544 NorCal CQC AKQRP QCWA FISTS #2781
SOC #390, fpQRP, ARLHS, 00TC, Elecraft K2 #00023 K1 #00146

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 12:56:23 -0700
From: "Rod Cercone" <n0rc@hotmail.com>
To: <n6kr@elecraft.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84991] Re: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
Message-ID: <0E5BhAVk9e4dmcx4gHW00004930@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne:

I'll toss in my endorsement for the Paddlette:

<http://home.att.net/~goodroe/paddlette/index.html>

I have used them numerous times with various rigs, they work well, and are well built (a nice compliment to Elecraft gear) and the contact spacing is adjustable. Pretty good feel for a 1 oz. Key.

The key base has a magnet on the bottom to hold it down, and extra magnet strips are supplied to be affixed to the operating surface (tilt stand in your case). Once you see the key you quickly see other options for mounting I'm sure.

GL
73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins CO

----- Original Message -----

From: "Wayne Burdick" <n6kr@elecraft.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 10:57 AM
Subject: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?

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> small
> that can be attached directly to the K1's wide-range tilt stand
> (KTS1).
> The KTS1 will accomodate a paddle base up to about 1.5" in depth, not

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 15:08:55 -0500
From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
To: <w2agn@pobox.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84992] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
Message-ID: <003a01c05977\$09d4dfa0\$4d5730d1@victor>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You had just discovered a "lid" You don't have to send high speed to be a lid.

It usually is done by someone sending at about 18 WPM and the sender wants to be a CW hot shot, so they will jam the letters together and absolutely NO WORD SPACING. Us ol fifty WPM head copy guys just shake our heads in discuss and moved on down the band. You do not get any brownie points for finding a station sending like this. Because there are just to darn many of them.

We need a new "Q" signal which mean, Hit the Road, Jack, come back when you can send with clarity. I did not even say when you can send faster, I said clarity.

It is sort of an oxymoron to mention any WPM speed when talking about guys who have not gather up enough clues to figure out what is wrong with there sending. Because, they many time make an entire transmission with one word. Of course, it is several hundred letters long and requires someone penning it down on paper and then going back and try to unravel the gibberish. That all take times and cuts the CW speed in half. I am too lazy to unravel the baby talk. Send words gang, send words. No fancy translations is needed or required.

Spend 25 bucks and buy a KB kit, have fun putting it together. And then notice you may have a mini pile up with people wanting to answer you CQ. Don't forget to use the space bar so you will not send a "wrap-around" call sign like some of the guys in the contest were sending with there expensive programmable keyers. They did lid programming and it showed.

CW, the language of Amateur Radio.

Vic AD8K

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>with their keyers set for 50+. Comes out " Braaaap NN A Braaaap" translated

"599
>15."
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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 14:38:47 -0600
From: Glen Reid <k5fx@flash.net>
To: AQR P List <AQR P@onelist.com>, QRP-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [84993] Austin QRP Meeting Schedule for '01
Message-ID: <3A2417D7.7A4C1CAA@flash.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The regular meeting schedule for the Austin QRP Club has been posted to the A QRP Club web page at:

<http://www.qsl.net/kq5rp/aqrpmtg.html>

Mark you calendars and come see us, visitors are always welcome.

gr
--
GLEN REID
...in the beautiful hill country of TEXAS...
Email: k5fx@arrl.net

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits"

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 15:43:53 -0500
From: hamjoel@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [84994] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <20001128.154457.-214783.0.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

before we go blasting qro contests about canned reports etc... we might look at our fox hunt... and folk will go quiet ... beginning with the eldest... when the majority want things one way and ur input is thrown out... it's time for u to adjust to the majority... in things like

hobbies and other things that really don't affect world events...

try building a few projects... working all states or all something or other and expand one's interest and knowledge... contesting is but one color of the ham rainbow... look and try the others and u might find little time to get upset by the contest game and put ur energies to more fun things... try it... it really works... and you'll have meaux to contribute to the group.. ok?

ke1la joel
in maine
in a 40* heat wave

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 15:07:09 -0600
From: w0av@juno.com
To: Shephed@aol.com
Cc: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [84995] Re: Phony Reports, etc.
Message-ID: <20001128.150856.-491079.1.w0av@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Fellow QRPers,

At a recent hamfest one of the local jokers was sporting a badge reading only

"59 MO." I agree that the phony reports and excessive power are both abominations, but those 599's sure look good in the QRP log, heh, heh.

I suppose I should still be nervous about all the CQ's I failed to log for all those years when logging everything (even unanswered CQ's) was an FCC requirement. Nope, that wasn't enforced either, as far as I know.

On the other hand, I've been able to enjoy ham radio for 65 years in spite of the high power hotdogs and the ridiculous reports. Had lots of fun with my K2 in the CQWW CW contest last weekend; 68 countries, 24 zones, all bands 160-10 and no beam or antenna farm. Oh, by the way, I'm also one of those QRQ guys. I have found that if you send fast enough the big shots think you are one of them, even when you are running QRP.

72/73/74 de George/W0AV
SOC#101

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<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

On Tue, 28 Nov 2000 hamjoel@juno.com wrote:

Sort of like the use of standard English...the majority don't speak cajun.

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 13:34:58 -0800
From: Phil Wheeler <w7ox@earthlink.net>
To: victor@brecnet.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84997] Re: CQWDX Egg on Face
Message-ID: <3A242502.46645163@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Victor Blackwell wrote:

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> You had just discovered a "lid"    You don't have to send high speed to be a
> lid.
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> It usually is done by someone sending at about 18 WPM

Ooops .. I will have to crank up my keyer speed; guilt by association is a terrible thing:-;

73, Phil

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 16:55:30 -0500

From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>

To: <baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [84998] Re: Change the rules?

Message-ID: <005d01c05985\$ed910300\$4d5730d1@victor>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Nor, Baltimeran.

>On Tue, 28 Nov 2000 hamjoel@juno.com wrote:

>

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>> eldest... when the majority want things one way and ur input is thrown
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>> out... it's time for u to adjust to the majority...
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>

>Sort of like the use of standard English...the majority don't speak cajun.

 \succ

> Thom

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>baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com
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Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster

 \succ

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 16:07:27 -0600
From: "Stuart Rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
To: "Jeff" <fantbb@yahoo.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [84999] Bamd Open times
Message-ID: <00e301c05987\$982f5630\$5ac07481@rohredt2000>

Jeff,

For many years, I have suspected that big contests create extra ionization improving skip! Look at Field Day each year! :-)

Seriously, if it is not the mojo, it might have been the pending magnetic storm et al. Then again, we are on the up side or peak of the sunspot cycle. Just shows it never hurts to call CQ on any band any time!

72,
Stuart K5KVH

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 16:42:15 -0500
From: Hank Kohl K8DD <k8dd@arrl.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [85000] The QRP-ARCI Toy Store
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.2.20001128162206.00af3748@mail.tir.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

There is good news and there is bad news!

The bad news.....

I lost about 3 or 4 months of email. Continually I tell people "I can't restore what you don't backup!" Now I have "shot myself in the foot"! That coupled with our move in July and the confusion of keeping track of, and finding, everything after the move in the mountain of boxes and working a couple of long projects at work when I was only getting home on weekends I want to make sure nothing fell through on me. So, if anyone has anything outstanding with the QRP-ARCI Toy Store - unanswered email, US Mail, etc, please let me know and it will be fixed.

The good news.....

We are adding to the Toy Store inventory. I'm still having trouble finding someone to make marbles with the logo on them for those of us who have lost their marbles, but key chains, pens, pencils, rubber stamps, and maybe sweat shirts and jackets. Any other ideas?

Maybe since Alpha Power went out of business we can get their old stock - a 3CX800A with 12V plate voltage at a couple hundred mils

73 Hank K8DD

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*                                     *
*      The QRP-ARCI Toy Store        *
* http://www.tir.com/~k8dd/thetoystore.htm *
*                                     *
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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 16:45:54 -0600
From: "Jake Schneider" <j4k3@texas.net>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [85001] Re: QSL card program ?
Message-ID: <003901c0598c\$f8339f00\$de03a8c0@ya33yyte>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Brian you can download QSL-Maker 2.2 from <http://hfradio.org/wb8rcr/>
The author WB8RCR has graciously made it available to those who wish to create their own QSL Card designs.

I belive he frequents the QRP-L list as well, thanks John!

Jake Schneider KC5UIV

----- Original Message -----

From: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2000 9:07 AM
Subject: Re: QSL card program ?

> I just bought one of the \$45 Lexmark LZ11 printers from Wally
World....it's
> slow BUT I can feed it index stock with no problems!! I make about all my
> QSL cards with MS Word and just print them as I need them. My former

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 17:48:13 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: victor@brecnet.com
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [85002] Re: CQWWDX Egg on Face
Message-ID: <5.0.0.25.1.20001128174230.01750ba0@kih.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

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>
>We need a new "Q" signal which mean, Hit the Road, Jack, come back when you
>can send with clarity. I did not even say when you can send faster, I said
>clarity.
>
>It is sort of an oxymoron to mention any WPM speed when talking about guys
>who have not gather up enough clues to figure out what is wrong with there
>sending. Because, they many time make an entire transmission with one
>word. Of course, it is several hundred letters long and requires someone
>penning it down on paper and then going back and try to unravel the
>gibberish. That all take times and cuts the CW speed in half. I am too
>lazy to unravel the baby talk. Send words gang, send words. No fancy
>translations is needed or required.
>
>Spend 25 bucks and buy a KB kit, have fun putting it together. And then
>notice you may have a mini pile up with people wanting to answer you CQ.
>Don't forget to use the space bar so you will not send a "wrap-around" call
>sign like some of the guys in the contest were sending with there expensive
>programmable keyers. They did lid programming and it showed.
>
>CW, the language of Amateur Radio.
>
>Vic AD8K
>

There is a Q signalit's QLF?meaning "are you sending with your left foot?"
73 to all
Pete NV4V

On Tue, 28 Nov 2000, Victor Blackwell wrote:

73
Thom

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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 17:56:06 EST
From: Macstein@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [85004] Antenna Question
Message-ID: <b9.9005e14.27559206@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Pardon the bandwidth if this has already made it to the bulletin board, but I never got a copy of it when I posted it and not sure if it got there.

Does anyone have any experience with the Gap Titan DX antenna?

I would like to hear from anyone who has one, has used one, or has first hand info on the good and bad of this antenna.

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Fred w2xn

Date: 28 Nov 00 17:58:15 EST
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: qrp-l@LeHigh.EDU
Subject: [85005] WTB: Kenwood 4 pin to 8 pin adapter
Message-ID: <20001128225815.22381.qmail@aw161.netaddress.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I know I'm one of the few guys on the reflector who actually owns a mike =
(it's
a good one - a goldline) but I thought I'd try anyway. =

Anyone have one of the kenwood 4 pin to 8 pin mike adapters laying around=
that
you might be willing to part with? Need one so I can use the Heils on bot=
h the
Kenwood 440 and the 120.

Thanks.

mike

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I sure did. Don't you speak Ahian?

I use to live in Baltimer, and they talk funny.

It is one of Americas local colloquial groups. Just like those Cajuns.

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>On Tue, 28 Nov 2000, Victor Blackwell wrote:  
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>> Nor, Baltimeran.  
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>I try not to let the local patois slip through. By the way, you  
>didn't spell it correctly.  
>  
>For an in-depth look at the local language:  
>  
>http://www.baltimorehon.com  
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Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:21:02 -0500
From: "Dave Benham" <dodgeboy@mindspring.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [85007] [OT] Bringing Feedline into House
Message-ID: <008301c05991\$e61d8c40\$b5d279a5@hqa.chrysler.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I live in a colonial with regular glass basement windows -- single paned, steel framed, swing up type. I want to replace them with glass block windows. Currently I bring my feedlines through a PVC pipe which runs through a piece of plexiglas that I replace a pane of glass with. I stuff the pipe with insulation to keep bugs and cold air out.

I know that glass block windows have special inserts for fresh air vents and dryer vents. I'm wondering if anyone has a suggestion or solution as to what type of insert would be good for bringing feedline through a glass block basement window. I want to be prepared before I talk to a salesman.

Thanks.

Dave K8TRF

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 16:27:58 -0700
From: "Karl B. Staddon" <ve6kbs@agt.net>
To: n6kr@elecraft.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [85008] Re: best miniature paddle for use w/K1 tilt-stand?
Message-ID: <3A243F7E.25D277A4@agt.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Wayne, I'd suggest using rare earth magnets to attach whatever paddle you want to your tilt stand. In Canada, we have a high end woodworking outfit called Lee Valley Tools - website at:
<http://www.leevalley.com/home/main.asp>

I get my magnets from them - they do not overstate the power of their magnets. If you're into hand tools and woodworking, treat yourself and get on their catalog mailing list.

I'd probably use a single 1" magnet. It will stick directly onto your stand, and provided the paddle has some metal on it (consider using a steel washer attached to the paddle if it is non-metallic) and the metal on the paddle can make direct contact with the magnet, you'll be able to bang away all day without the paddle moving around.

For magnets go to:

<http://www.leevalley.com/hardware/page.asp?page=42346&category=3,42363¤cy=1&SID=>

For steel washers and cups go to:

<http://www.leevalley.com/hardware/page.asp?page=42354&category=3,42363¤cy=1&SID=>

Cheers

Karl B. Staddon

VE6KBS

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Wayne Burdick wrote:

> I'm looking for a miniature keyer paddle that's both rugged and small
> that can be attached directly to the K1's wide-range tilt stand (KTS1).
> The KTS1 will accomdate a paddle base up to about 1.5" in depth, not
> counting the paddles themselves. (The idea is that the paddle can be
> lightweight, with the tilt-stand substituting for the usual heavy keyer
> base. This eliminates the need to hold the paddle with two hands or
> strap it to your leg during field use.)
>
> I suppose the paddle could be velcro-mounted or glued on, but I'd prefer
> to use one or two screws so it will be stable, as well as easily
> removed.
>
> There are lots of miniature paddles out there -- anyone have an opinion
> on which one best fits this application? I can modify an existing unit
> if necessary.
>
> 72,
> Wayne
> N6KR

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:42:07 -0500
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
To: <victor@brecnet.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [85009] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <003401c05994\$d3c1cfe0\$9e04b3d8@obvious>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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>I use to live in Baltimer, and they talk funny.

Not as funny as somebody from "da Bronx, New Yawk" !

73,
Dick K2JQ

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:52:35 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: victor@brecnet.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [85010] Re: Change the rules?
Message-ID: <3A244543.73EE@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That's Balmerian,

73

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 2000 18:58:18 -0500
From: "Brian B. Riley, N1BQ" <n1bq@wulfdn.org>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [85011] TNX QRP-L et al.
Message-ID: <LPBBJAGIPFHKPJENAKLOKEGFDBAA.n1bq@wulfdn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, over the last week or so my left foot and tin ear having been getting better. There's a lot of guys out there working awfully hard to help us slowpokes get up to speed. Had a great QSO last night with Charlie W4NJK out in California running his K1 on 14060 KHz. I must say the K1 sounds quite nice on the air, the keying was clean and crisp and even when a couple of guys climbed on top of us still quite distinct. I have had some other QSOs over the last week or so and I just want to say thanks to the QRP community for being so nurturing ... I was so enthused that I chased off after the Fox again and finally nailed my first ever pelt, TNX Dan (N8IE).

72 de brian, n1bq

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